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[231] In Common Council August 2nd 1824

Present The Honble Wm Paulding Junr President

Aldermen	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Willm H Ireland	Saml St. John
Thaddeus Seymour	Philip Hone
George Zabriskie	Saml Cowdrey
Shivers Parker	William Burtsell
Asa Mann	Stephen Conover
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
George S Doughty	Thomas T Woodruff
Reuben Munson	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition for a Well and pump in Bleecker Street between Broadway and Bowery was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 8th Ward, and Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well and pump in Norfolk Street near Rivington Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 7th Ward and [232] Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Benjamin E Valentine for Office of Measurer of Coal was referred to the Committee on Application for Office.

A Petition of Saml Jones for a hearing as to cause of his removal from Office of Inspector of Manure and for Reappointment to that Office was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of William Allen, Wood Inspector complaining of Joseph Toms also an Inspector of Firewood taking an undue share of the fees of the Office which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of John Moore for a Stall in Essex Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Robt Warnock and others Assignees of McLaughlin and Quin Lessees of Lot corner of Cherry and Roosevelt praying time for payment of rent due was referred to the Finance Committee.

[233] A Petition of Jeremiah Buskirk for relief from fine incurred for running a Hackney Carriage without a License therefor was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Daniel OBrien for relief from fine for selling

Spirituous liquors without License was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of the Vestry of St Thomas Church to be permitted to put an Iron railing around their Church on the Corner of Houston St. and Broadway was referred to the St Committee.

A Petition of James Ten Eyck for relief from a personal tax imposed on him he being an Artillerist and therefore exempt therefrom was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Annis Lowerre for permission to continue her fruit stand at the Battery was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward with powers.

A similar petition from S Marewedy had the same reference.

A similar petition from Margaret Knapp had also the same reference.

[234] A petition from a number of Inhabitants for the establishment of a Stand for Hackney Carriages in the Vicinity of Wall St was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward with authority &c

A petition of Jane Evans and others Administrators of Saml Evans Deceased, praying permission to assign the Lease of Walnut Street ferry was referred to the Ferry Committee

A petition that Hudson Street be paved from Charlton to King St. was referred to the Street Committee

A petition of William Gibbons praying that a Stoop which was erected Seven years ago before he purchased the property and which is situate at the corner of Washington and Marketfield Streets may be permitted to remain. And

A remonstrance against the same from several Inhabitants were referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John N Brower Nazareth B Taylor and Bernard McCloskey for relief from fine incurred by emptying a privy Contrary to Law was referred [235] to the Police Committee

A petition from Benjamin Waldron for a Lease of Mill rock was referred to the finance Committee.

A petition of Owners of Lots on North Moore Street praying that the Side Walks which are directed to be paved may be widened

Also suggesting, the propriety of directing Trees to be planted in the Streets was referred to the Street Committee with powers

A Remonstrance against repaving Water Street as prayed for by Stephen Whitney and Others was referred to the Street Committee

A petition of John McShane to remove a building from Crosby

near Broome St to Crosby near Prince Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward

A petition of Abel Sammis for Office of Weigher of Hay at Hell Gate was referred to the alderman and assistant of the 9th Ward

A petition of Saml Y Clark Collector of 8th Ward for increase of per Centage on his [236] collection and for allowance for Counterfeit money received by him for Taxes, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of James Reeves Junr for Stall No 12 Spring Street Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Azel Conklin for Office of Capt of City Watch 1st District

A Similar petition from Cornelius McLean.

A Similar petition from John Stewart

A Similar petition from Jacob Hays, were severally read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Letter was received from Thomas Walton Capt of City Watch of first District resigning his Office of Capt of the City Watch was read and accepted.

Alderman Taylor presented a return made by the Assessors of the 8th Ward of the number of Buildings now [237] in the Ward and which were erected which was read and referred back to him,

A petition from Abrm B Martling Keeper of the City Hall praying that as the Office of Criers of the Courts which had formerly been a perquisite of the Keeper had been given to another person, he might be compensated by an addition to his Salary, which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A further petition of Abraham L Smith praying payment for a Deed drawn by him was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of John Perrott for permission to build a Cistern in the Street at the Corner of Fulton and Gold Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward and Street Commissioner

A further communication from Joseph P. Simpson Sealer of Weights and Measures stating the incorrectness of the Standard of Dry Measure owned by the Corporation and proposing the same should be compared with the State Standard at Albany was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences with authority

[238] A Letter from P H Wendover Chairman of Commissioners of School funds requesting payment of the same allowed them by Law was referred to the finance Committee

An Invitation to attend the Annual Commencement of Columbia

College on the 3d Inst and to join in the procession at 9 Oclock was accepted.

A Letter from the Secretary of the Free School Society with a copy of the resolution of the Trustees directing a copy of their annual report to be presented to the members of the Corporation to the intent that they may adopt such measures relative to the facts thereon relative to the public funds as they may judge proper and such as may promote the great interest of education in this City, which being read was referred to the Committee on Application to the Legislature

A petition of J. Slocomb to be released from a personal Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A petition of Rodman and Samuel Bowne Lessees of Catharine Slip Ferry praying to have the pier on the South Side [239] of Catharine Slip extended was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Letter was received from Timothy Dewey Agent of the Gass light Company on the Subject of Lamp posts which was referred to the Lamp Committee.

The finance Committee on the petition of James Lowerre reported against the petitioner as follows.

The finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed petition of James Lowerre, that this is a Subject which has been frequently before the Board, That the petitioner has leased from the Corporation a piece of Ground, part of which fronts on Washington Street, under the usual covenants to pay assessments, taxes, &c, But he insists that such covenant ought not to have been put in the lease, and that he ought not to be required to pay an assessment for paving and regulating Washington Street.

Your Committee however, upon a full Consideration of all the circumstances attending this transaction, are of the same Opinion as expressed by them in a former report on this subject, having seen no good reason for changing or altering the same, They Consider that Mr Lowerre is legally and equitably [240] bound to pay the Assessment in question, and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the said petitioner ought not to be granted.

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee on the representation of the Street Committee respecting an award in favour of James C Lawrence presented a Report, which was referred back to the Committee

The finance Committee on the petition of Charles H Hall for a Water grant at Brooklyn reported in favour as follows

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Chs Henry Hall for a Water lot grant, in front of a piece of land, owned by him on the East river in the 9th Ward from 11th to 13th Street, Your Committee are of opinion that such grant may with propriety be made to Mr Hall eastwardly 400 feet, or as far as the Corporation right extends into the river, at a quit rent of 30 Cents per foot per annum to 1 May 1836 [241] 60. Cents to 1 May 1843, 90 Cents to 1 May 1850, and 120 Cents forever thereafter, and on the other usual terms conditions and reservations

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel prepare the necessary Grant for the above premises to Mr Hall

Reuben Munson
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution was adopted.

The finance Committee on the petition of John K. Townsend reported against the petitioner as follows.

The finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed petition of John K Townsend, one of the Lessees of the public Wharves and Slips, That the petitioner wishes to surrender and abandon the Lease he now holds, because he thinks that he will be greatly a looser by his contract.

Your Committee believe that if Mr Townsend was to realise a great Profit by his contract, he would not offer to Surrender the same, or to give his profits to the Board, and they therefore think that if Mr Townsend suffers a Loss, he must not expect to be saved [242] harmless, Such a principal ought not to be established,

Your Committee therefore propose the following resolution to the Board.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner Ought not to Granted.

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Campbell reported against the petitioner as follows.

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Francis Campbell, The petitioner applies for a Balance of the Estate of William Campbell, paid into the Treasury by the public administrator. He Claims to be entitled to the same, as eldest Brother of the deceased; but your Committee believe that he is only entitled to a proportion thereof equally with his mother and brothers, inasmuch as it appears that the Mother is living; and it would also seem that there are brothers, or other heirs of equal degree;

Unless therefore the petitioner [243] Obtains a power of Attorney to receive the shares of the Others, he is not entitled to have the prayer of his petition granted; for Altho' the petitioner is next of kin to the deceased, he is only so, in equal degree with his Mother and Brothers and Sisters, according to the Statute of distributions—And is entitled but to an equal Share with them in the personal Estate.

The papers or documents of the petitioner, are also deficient in not shewing that there are no heirs of the Estate of the deceased who are Citizens of the United States—because as the petitioner is an Alien, it is questionable whether the next of kin who is a Citizen, is not entitled to the balance of the property.

Under these Circumstances the Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee on the petition from Sundry Inhabitants in the Vicinity of Washington [244] Market praying a reduction of the rates of Wharfage reported against the petition as follows

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Sundry persons in the vicinity of Washington Market, That the petitioners pray for a reduction of the existing rates of wharfage, which they complain have been of serious consequences to them, by driving away much of the North river Craft,

Your Committee regret that any such consequences should have been produced; but it must be evident that the existing rates of wharfage cannot be changed by the Board for the present year, and

whether they ought to be changed hereafter must be determined by the Judgement of the Common Council next year—Whatever may be the effect of the rates of Wharfage, (And of which your Committee think that a correct judgement cannot as yet be formed) your Committee are nevertheless of the Opinion, that the Common Council cannot do any thing as to the matters stated in this petition, as all Citizens must bear the Consequences of general regulations made for the public good

Your Committee therefore recommend that the following resolution be adopted.

Resolved, that the said petitioners [245] have leave to withdraw their petition.

Reuben Munson
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Willm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee on the petition of the Chatham Fire Insurance Company reported against the petition as follows.

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the within petition of the Chatham Fire Insurance Company, praying that the Board would Sell to them the property N° 1 Chatham Square, But in as much as the property is now under Lease, and for other reasons, your Committee think that it is inexpedient to dispose of the property at the present time.

They therefore recommend that the Board adopt the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Reuben Munson
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Willm Burtsell
Willm H Ireland
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[246] The finance Committee on the petition of the printers employed by the Corporation presented the following report.

The finance Committee, respectfully report, on the Annexed petition of several of the printers of Newspapers stating that they have published Laws, &c, which they conceive not to be within the understanding and meaning of their agreement with the Corporation, and claiming compensation therefor

Your Committee have examined said petition *said petition*, and After attentively Considering the Subject, they are of the Opinion that the printers selected to publish the Corporation laws, notices, &c, by the year, ought not hereafter to be paid for what they may consider extra printing, and with this express understanding as to all future publications by the authority of the Corporation, being included within the annual compensation of One Hundred dollars which is paid to each of the Corporation printers. Your Committee think that the Accounts for the extra printing to this time, ought to be paid to the petitioners.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to audit and allow the [247] accounts for extra printing as above Stated in this report, and that no such charge be hereafter audited or allowed

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Willm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The finance Committee on the petition of Abraham L Smith presented a report which was referred back to the Committee.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Susannah and Charles Drake reported in their favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, on the within petition of Susannah Drake and Charles Drake, report, that it appears to your Committee, that the usual residence of the petitioners is in the 2d Ward, but that they had removed during a part of the year 1823, into the 9th Ward; That they were assessed personally in both Wards, and were at the time of Assessment, actually residing in the latter Ward, and that they have paid to the Collector of both Wards, the sums thus assessed upon them. Under this Statement of facts it appears to be right that [248] their claim for the return of the sum paid in the 2d Ward ought to be granted.

The Committee therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting in favour of Susannah Drake for $24.80. and also a Warrant in favour of Charles Drake for $3.10 being the sums paid by them as

above mentioned for taxes in the 2nd Ward, erroneously assessed against them.

(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff,
Stephen Conover
Thoms T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Jacob Manning reported in his favour as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom the annexed petition of Jacob Manning was referred.

Report, That the Assessors of the 5th Ward have Certified that the Assessment in his case is erroneous and that he ought not to be assessed for any personal property

The following resolution is therefore recommended.

[249] Resolved, that the Collector of the 5th Ward, be authorised to return the amount Assessed on the personal property of Jacob Manning, for the [year] 1823, among the Errors & Insolvencies of that Ward.

(Signed) S. Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was Approved & the resolution Adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Peter Nodine reported in his favor as follows.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Peter Nodine

Report, That by the 103d Sect. of the Act to organize the Militia, the Officers and privates of the first brigade of Horse Artillery (to which brigade the petitioner belongs) are entitled to a reduction from the amount of their personal property, as to assessments for taxes, of $1000. And that this sum exceeds in the Case of the petitioner, the amount of his personal Estate.

The Committee therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that the Collector of the 8th Ward be authorised to return the amount of [250] tax in the present Estate of Peter Nodine, for the year 1823 in his list of Errors for that year

(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Law Committee to whom was referred a petition of Sundry Inhabitants respecting an obstruction in Washington Street erected by W^m^ Denning presented the following report.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of a number of Inhabitants residing in the Vicinity of Washington and Murray Streets, report, That the petition sets forth that for some time past a certain part of Washington Street, between Murray and Warren Streets has been inclosed with a high board fence to the great obstruction of the petitioners, who pray that the Corporation will cause the same to be removed. The Committee find the facts set forth to be correct and that the strip of ground fenced in is about twenty feet wide and about fifty feet in length, including the width of the Side Walk and a small part of the Cart way; which piece of ground was fenced [251] in by the Order of M^r^ William Denning who claims the same as his property.

It appears that M^r^ Denning has been for a number of years the Owner and proprietor of several Lots of ground on both sides of Washington Street and corner of Murray Street, being his portion of ground alotted to him, upon an amicable division made in 1809 of property then held in common between himself, the late George Clinton deceased, John McKesson Esq^r^ and others—At this time Washington Street, in several places in that part of the City, remained what it originally was, a forty feet Street, but has been widened at different times by adding twenty feet along the northerly side so as to make it uniformly sixty feet in width—This additional width of twenty feet has been appropriated for Street at different times and under different circumstances as some of the proprietors of Lots receding voluntarily for the benefit of their property. in other cases it was the result of compromise with the Corporation in relation to a Street called Second Street—and in One or two instances the ground has been taken in the ordinary way by Commissioners of estimate and assessment.

Some years ago an arrangement was made between the Corporation and a number of [252] the proprietors of ground fronting on Washington Street, by which they were permitted to take possession of the Street called ———— Street belonging to the Corporation, as reserved in the Trinity Church grant running between Washington and West Streets, as an equivalent for the Strip of ground necessary to widen Washington Street to Sixty feet—Whether M^r^ Denning was embraced in or had the benefit of that arrangement, the Committee have not been able to ascertain for certainty; but the Street

ran through the property of Mr Denning, while owned in common with others, and is now used as private property—If it was treated or considered as private and joint property in making the division amongst the owners it is highly probable that Mr Denning was benefitted thereby, if so such benefit was in equity and justice a consideration for the Strip of ground in question.

To institute proceedings in the mode pointed out by the Statute by Commissioners of estimate and Assessment, for the purpose of taking this strip of ground, is, under all the circumstances of the case, in the opinion of the Committee, attended with several objections. It would be an expensive [253] operation while the ground is of small value. It might subject adjacent proprietors who have given their ground for Street, to an assessment for a portion of the expences at least. It would be a virtual admission that Mr Denning did not participate in the benefit or arrangement in relation to Second Street, and the proceeding might not result in any pecuniary compensation to him for the ground in question—As he is the greatest sufferer by continuing the obstruction, he would be the principal person benefited, in the value of property, by removing the same, and making the Street Sixty feet wide between his property which lies on both sides—Under these circumstances the Commissioners might naturally say as they have the power to do, that the damage and benefit are equal, and the only difference would be the Costs and expences which would have to be assessed upon Mr Denning and his neighbours.

It appeared that in the year 1811 or prior thereto the fence of Mr Denning was moved back to the Sixty feet line so as to conform to the line of adjoining proprietors—The ground being thus thrown into Street, it was in the fall of 1811 together with the rest of Washington Street regulated and paved by the Street Commissioner, and on the 9th [254] of December, in the same year the assessment, as appears, was confirmed by the Board—Mr Denning although he at first objected, paid his assessment for paving and regulating said piece of ground & Street—from 1811 to 1823 when the fence was put up, being between eleven and twelve years, the ground continued public Street and a common thorough fare for the use of the Public, and with the knowledge & presumed assent of Mr Denning.

It appears to be a settled principal of the Common Law, that if an Individual permits the public to have the free use of a piece of ground for Street, for a certain number of years, it is sufficient to presume a dereliction of it to the public, and nothing but inclosing it within the time by a fence will justify a presumption to the contrary—

Eight years have been decided to be a sufficient time to give a right of way to the public—and in a leading case the judge who presided observed that as between individuals a claim of title would not be barred in that time yet between an individual and the public the principal is very different, and were it otherwise, he says, in a great Town like this every person [255] passing over the ground would be liable to a prosecution, and it would be a trap to make people tresspassers.

If this is a correct and salutary principle, and if the committee have been rightly informed as to the facts in this case, it would appear that the public are entitled by use to this piece of ground as so much Street, and that Mr Denning has forfeited his right to the same—In Order to settle this question upon a principle, which is an important one in this City, the Committee are willing that Mr Denning should have an opportunity of bringing the matter before a legal tribunal. And they therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs cause the obstruction or fence erected in Washington Street, and referred to in the petition, to be taken down and removed from said Street, and that the same be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner and Counsel of the Board.

(Signed) Alpheus Sherman
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[256] The Law Committee to whom was referred the Complaint respecting the Sale of Hay presented the following report.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of citizens, dealers in Hay in the City of New York, Report, That the petitioners set forth impositions in the sale of Hay by the waggon load which they much complain of, and by means of which they do not get the Weight and quantity of Hay which they have to pay for—Evils of this nature the Committee thinks require a remedy and the adoption of such regulations as will as far as practicable, insure equal justice between buyer and Seller.

They therefore recommend to the Board the following resolution.

Resolved that the Counsellor prepare and Submit to the Board an amendment to the Ordinance regulating the Sale of Hay embracing the following provisions.

That all persons bringing Hay or Straw to this City for sale by the Load shall stand with their Waggons or teams either at the Hay Scales at Duane Street Market or the Gouverneur Market, and that the

Keepers of these Scales provide or point out places for them for that purpose; That no Hay [257] or Straw by the Load shall be offered or exposed for Sale at any other place in this City and a penalty to be inserted for that purpose.

That whenever any Hay by the Load shall be offered or exhibited for Sale, whether previously weighed or not, and the buyer or person offering to buy the same shall be desirous of being further satisfied as to the weight of such Hay and shall require the same to be reweighed together with the Waggon it shall be the duty of the Weigh Master applied to for that purpose to weigh the same, and certify the same, which weight shall be considered the true Weight of the Hay, And in case the said Hay holds out in weight according to the quantity alledged the expence of reweighing shall be paid by the buyer or person offering to buy; but in case it shall appear to be deficient then the expence shall be paid by the person Selling the Hay or offering the same for Sale.

In case any person having Hay for Sale shall refuse to have it reweighed upon the application of any person offering to buy the same he shall forfeit a penalty for such refusal and in case any person offering to buy shall refuse to purchase after it has been weighed he shall likewise be subject to a penalty to be provided accordingly

(Signed) Alpheus Sherman
Thomas Bolton

[258] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward on the petition for a Well and pump at the intersection of Front and Walnut Streets reported against the Petition as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons residing at the foot of Walnut Street, praying that a Well may be dug and built in that Vicinity Report that in their opinion it is inexpedient to grant their request inasmuch as it does not appear that any one of the petitioners are the owners of the property to be assessed or would be bound to pay an assessment—they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Asa Mann
(Signed) Jameson Cox
R Graves St Comr

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[259] The Comptroller presented the following Report of the sums paid into the Treasury for Commutation of Alien passengers during the last quarter which was directed to be filed

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that the Amount paid into the Treasury, for Commutation of Alien passengers, for the Quarter ending the 31st July last is $235.

(Signed) G N Bleeck[er] Compt[r]

The following were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Hook & Ladd*le*[er] C° N° 3.

John Bearman Cartman Herring St. To fill up the Company

Fire Engine Company N° 1

John Kidd Pawnbroker 14 Grand Street
Vice John B Minton, Expelled for neglect of duty.
Edward Haffmire Carpenter 60½ Warren St.
Vice John Dennis Expelled for neglect of duty.
William Haffmire Carpenter 60½ Warren St.
Vice William Franklin Expelled for neglect of duty
[260] Stephen Demyer Carpenter 137 Chamber St.
Vice Henry W Clapp Resigned
Nathaniel Randolph Cabinet Maker 82 Varick St
Vice John W Striker Resigned
Ellis Freeman Carpenter 1 Thompson St
Vice Benjamin Briggs Resigned
John L Banker Carpenter 189 Mulberry St
Vice Abraham Bogart Resigned
Isaac Brown Taylor 6 Beach St Vice John Gatter Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Joseph Cauldwell Cartman 34 Catharine St.
Vice Isaac Ward Resigned
David Parks Grocer Corner Bancker & Oliver
Vice Bradley Higgins Resigned
Daniel Wright Cordwainer 156 Chatham
Vice Augustus Cregier Expelled for neglect of duty
[261] Benjamin Perine Corwain*d*er 97 Henry St
Vice John W Lamson Resigned

Henry Boyce Tobacconist 18 Henry St.
Vice George J Bijotat Resigned
David Baker Black Smith 40 Wooster St
Vice Joseph H Truslow Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 3

James Swaine Cabinet Maker Broad St.
Vice James Quick Deceased

Fire Engine Company N° 6

Mulford M Martin Grocer Cor of Greenwich & Warren St
Vice John W Forbes resigned

Fire Engine Company No 12

James Welsh Bookbinder 64 Ann St
Vice Will[m] Manning Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 17

Lewis Ballas Caulker 198 Division St.
Vice George W Pentz, Expelled for neglect of duty

[262] Fire Engine Company N° 27

John Gatter Smith 411 Greenwich St
Vice Nathaniel Jarvis Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 34

James L Jones Milkman Sulivan St.
Vice Lawrence Sinclair Resigned
Peter Beaumount Mason Vice Henry Vanwart Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 36

Abraham Vanskiver Carpenter 11 Grand St
Vice David Baker Resigned
Elihue Noble Masoner 31 Sullivan St
Vice Alexander Jerolleman Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 37

Lancelot Armstrong Wheelwright 97 Elizabeth St
Vice John Eichell Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 39

Sylvester P Dennison Merchant Washington St
Vice George Barton Resigned

[263] Fire Engine Company N° 44 a New One.

Nehemiah Waterbury Spar Maker Lewis St near North
Edmund Gross Ship Carpenter Columbia " Rivington
John E Solomons Accountant Lewis " North
David Brown Ship Builder North " Goerick
Jacob Bell Ship Builder Lewis " North
Isaac Webb ditto Stanton St
Stephen Smith ditto
John Demon ditto
Sellick Nichols Block Maker Stanton St
Justice Reynolds ditto North St
Samuel Andreas Grocer Cor of North & Lewis
Charles Porter Merchant Columbia St
Isaac Smith Ship Carpenter
Cornelius Vincent Spar Maker
Charles Hoyt ditto
William Lockwood Grocer Cor of Lewis & [Fourth]
John Woolsey Cartman Lewis St.
Alfred Waterbury Spar maker Lewis St near North
Benjamin Brown ditto Lewis " "
William L Husted Grocer Cor Lewis & North Sts
Edward Merritt Ship Carpenter
Foster Rhodes ditto
John Coleman Block Maker

The Attorney presented an Answer to the Bill in Chancery of Comfort Sands, which was directed to be engrossed and duly authenticated.

[264] He also presented an answer to the Bill in Chancery of the Associates of the Jersey Company, which *which* was directed to be engrossed and duly authenticated.

He also upon a Report which he presented on the 19th Inst and which was referred back to him to report a Law with the amendments reported as follows

His original report was in the words following

The Attorney of the Board, respectfully Reports, that a Suit having been brought against an inhabitant of the East side of Coenties Slip, for not sweeping the Street to the Center agreeably to the third Section of the Street Law, the Jury decided in favour of the Defendant, upon the grounds (it is presumed) that Slips were not contemplated in the Section relating to the Sweeping of Streets to the Centre, and that

as the Contractor is bound to Sweep the "heads of Slips" the head may be considered to extend as far as the designation of Slip is applied to the Street, Viz: to Pearl Street; and moreover, that Coenties Slip is used as a Stand for Cartmen, and as the Defendant did Sweep Nineteen feet in front of his dwelling [265] (leaving only the middle or centre or head, say forty feet of the Slip for the Contractor to sweep,) he was not bound to sweep any farther, As this decision it submitted to, must have a bearing on all the other Slips, and as the Law on the subject might perhaps be rendered more plain than it now is (as it regards this question) the propriety of amending it, as well as the manner in which it ought to be amended is respectfully Submitted to the Board. It would seem proper so to Amend the Law, as either to make it clearly the duty of the Inhabitants to sweep the Slips, or the Contractors.

Another decision under this Law, calls for an Amendment of it. The Ninth Section, it has been determined, gives but a single penalty of Ten dollars against the Contractor for neglecting the whole of his District on any One sweeping day, whereas it was always the understanding heretofore, and such was also the practice, that the Contractor for each Street or part of a Street neglected by him on the sweeping day, was liable to a Seperate fine. An Amendment of the Law making the fine apply to each Street, is essential to the due enforcement of it

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

[266] The report presented this day was as follows.

The Attorney of the Board to whom was recommitted a Report heretofore made by him on the subject of certain amendments which are necessary to be made to the Street law, with directions to report an Ordinance for that purpose, Respectfully Reports that he has accordingly prepared an Ordinance, which is herewith submitted for the consideration of the Board

respectfully &c

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Law proposed by him passed under the title of a Law to amend the Law entitled a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets and was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

He also presented the following which was directed to be filed

Articles of Agreement entered into this nineteenth day of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and twenty four, Between Henry Rutgers and Catharine Depeyster of the first part, and the Mayor, Alderman & Commonalty [267] of the City of New York of the second part, Whereas it is in contemplation to widen Bancker Street from Oliver Street to Pike Street, by taking so much of the lands, tenements and hereditaments on each side of the said part of Bancker Street as may be necessary in order to widen the same in the manner delineated in a Map subscribed by the said Henry Rutgers and others, made by Bridges and Poppleton City Surveyors, bearing date 15 November 1813, and recorded in the Office of Register in and for the City & County of New York; And Whereas, the said Henry Rutgers and Catharine Depeyster are the owners of a number of Lots lying upon the said part of Bancker Street so intended to be widened, which are under subsisting leases from the said parties of this first part for a term or terms of years: And Whereas the parties of these presents are desirous that all the Lessees of the said Lots should be relieved of so much of the Assessment which may be imposed upon the same, on account of widening the said Street as justice may require; And Whereas the said parties of the second part have agreed to cause application to be made to the Supreme Court, for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of widening said Street as aforesaid, provided the said parties of the first part will enter [268] into covenants to pay all sums which may be Assessed upon the said Lots, provided the Lessees of the same, or their Executors, Administrators or Assigns will consent to pay an additional rent during the remainder of their term, equal to the interest of the amount of the assessment that may be so put upon said Lots respectively, or provided the said Henry Rutgers and Catharine Depeyster will consent to accept the Surrender of their Leases absolutely and unconditionally: (All the covenants nevertheless in the said leasses, except as to the length thereof and the rent in future, being complied with by the lessees): Now therefore this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part in consideration of the premises, and of One Dollar to them in hand paid by the said parties of the second part Do, for themselves, their heirs, executors, and Administrators, covenant, promise and agree to and with the said parties of the Second part and their Successors, that they the said parties of the first part will within four months after the confirmation of the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises by the

Supreme Court will and truly pay to the said parties of the Second part and their [269] successors, all the sums which may be assessed on account of widening Bancker Street as aforesaid, on such and so many of the said lots as are under subsisting Leases from the Said parties of the first part upon the said Street: Provided Always, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, that it shall not be obligatory upon the said parties of the first part to pay the said parties of the second part the assessment upon any of the said Lots, the lessees of which, or their executors, administrators or assigns, shall not have surrendered their leases absolutely or unconditionally, (and which said surrender, the said parties of the first part, for themselves, their Heirs and Assigns do agree to accept); they the Said Lessees, their executors, administrators and Assigns nevertheless performing all the other covenants in the said Leases contained except as regards rent in future and the length of the said Leases, or shall not agree to pay so much additional rent for the remainder of their term, as the interest of said Assessment upon the said lots respectively may amount to annually.

In Witness Whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto Set their Hands and Seals the day and Year [270] first above written

Sealed and delivered } Henry Rutger[s] (L S)
In the presence of }

The word "as" first interlined

W B Crosby (Signed) Catharine Depeyster (L S)

The Street Commissioner stated that it was necessary to appoint a Collector on the Assessment for Opening 5th Street from 1st to 3d Avenue, Whereupon Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and pump in Henry Street near Birmingham Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

He also presented [an assessment] for pitching and paving Norfolk Street from Broome to Stanton Street which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp Appointed Collector

Also an Assessment for pitching and paving Sheriffe St. from Broome to Stanton St. which was confirmed & Morris DeCamp appointed [271] Collector

Also an assessment for cleansing and repairing the Sewers in Jacob Street and Ferry St. which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a communication stating that some articles had

incumbered a Wharf some days and that after diligent inquiry the owner not being known, he had affixed upon the Articles an order directing their removal which remained three days and the Articles after that time not being removed he had taken them agreeably to Law to the Alms House—that an agent now appeared claiming them and *theating* [threatening] a Suit for having removed them—and he recommended an alteration in the Law—whereupon the Subject was referred to the Law Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances.

No	1	[272] William Rankin	Owner	No	86	Dey St	a Lot
	2	John Suydam	do		40	West St	"
	3	the Heirs of Joshua Jones	do		41	do	"
	4	George Lorillard	do		42	do	"
	5	M. R. Ryarson	do		94	Vesey	"
	6	Ditto	do		92	do	"
	7	Prime Ward & Sands	do		23	Marketfield	"
	8	Wm & G Post	do		35	Oak	"
	9	John Lyons	do			Elizabeth	"
	10	Chs W Sandford	do			Mulberry	"
	11	Walter Bowne	do			Willet	"
	12	William Wood	do			do	"
	13	Reuben R Barton	Lessee		4	Clark	"
	14	Morgan Lewis	Owner			Delancy	"
	15	J. C Vandenheuvel	do			Norfolk	"
	16	G Lorillard	do			Wooster	"
	17	Dd B Ogden	do			do	"
	18	Jno R Livingston	do			Rivington	"
	19	Wm Rhinelander	Executor			Robinson	"
	20	Ls A Brunel	Assignee			Bancker	"
	21	A L Stewart	Owner			Canal	"
	22	P A Jay	do			do	"
	23	Sl Learned	do		110	Bowery	"
	24	Joshu Husson	do		108	do	"
	25	Jno R Livingston	do			Mott	"
	26	Wm L Simers	do			do	"
	27	John R Murray	do			Canal	"
	28	Rd Bogardus	do			Front	"
	29	J Dunsmore	Occupt		7	Howard	"
	30	[273] Wm Niblo	Occupant			William St	A privy
	31	Jno Harper	do		16	Oak St	do
	32	Ths McBride	do		146	Orange St	a Lot

Geo Cuming
City Inspector

Alderman Munson Treasurer of the Board of Health presented a Resolution directing a Warrant to be reported in favour of the Treasu[r]er of the Board of Health for $1000 which was adopted.

Alderman Wyckoff presented a Resolution directing the Committee on Lands and places to report at next meeting of the Board, what improvement they have made on the ground lately selected by the Common Council for a City Burial ground, what further improvement they contemplate, what sum has been expended and what further amount will be required to Compleat the same, Which was adopted.

Alderman Mann moved that the Triangular piece of ground included between Grand, Harman and Scammel Street be taken for a public place and that the attorney [274] prepare the necessary papers and that the Mayor Authenticate the same during the recess of the Board—which was agreed to,

He also moved that the Street Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the Subject which was agreed to

Mr Cowdrey presented a Resolution referring to the Board of Health to consider whether any additional measures can be taken for cleansing the Streets and Other places and preserving the public Health of our City, which was adopted.

Mr Cowdrey presented a resolution referring to the Finance Committee to examine and report how far this Board is pledged to the Managers of Lotteries to appoint Committees to Attend and Certify as to the Drawing of Lotteries.

The Comptroller made the following report

Balance as pr Acct 19 July					$2.85
Recd for Taxes 1823, 2. 3. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10 Wards					11.244.73
[275]	do	"	Rents	3452.03	
	do	"	Auction Sales	2500.00	
	do	"	Tavern Licenses	1020.00	
	do	"	Streets	590.95	
	do	"	Commutation Alien passengers	165.00	
	do	"	Mayoralty fees	160.25	
	do	"	Fees &c Sheriff	127.00	
	do	"	Intelligence Offices	25.00	
	do	"	Fines &c of Attorny	12.93	8.053.16
					$19.300.74

95 Accounts Audited

Leek & Walton Watch 1st District		813.75
Hibberd & Clark ditto 2d ditto		666.75
Bleakley & Brower ditto 3d ditto		645.75
William Paulding Junr Mayor	1 Qr Salary 26 July	750.
R Graves St Commissioner	1 Qr do 1 do	400.
J Morton Clk Common Council	1 Qr do 1 Augt	362.50
John Fleming Treasurer	3 Qrs do 19 July	300.
Astin & Higbie Messengers	1 Mo do 1 Augt	54.
Ob. Ayres Asst City Inspector	1 Mo do do	47.25
Jno Coffin " ditto	1 Mo do do	47.25
Wm Schureman Keeper of Pottersfield	1 Mo do do	38.75
Charles Gilman do Battery	1 Mo do do	31.00
Andrew McCready do Park	1 Mo do do	31.00
Oliver Jaques St Inspector 1 Ward	1 Mo do do	31.00
Peter Wright ditto 2 do	1 Mo do do	31.00
Thos Jeroleman ditto 3 do	1 Mo do do	31.00
[276] Nichs B Lyon ditto 4 do	1 Mo 1 Augt	31.00
Abrm Ackerman ditto 5 do	" "	31.00
Wm Kerr ditto 6 do	" "	31.00
Benjn Fuller ditto 7 do	" "	31.00
Saml Hutchings ditto 8 do	" "	31.00
Danl Hubbard ditto 10 do	" "	31.00
J Rush & J Lent watering Chatham St 5 July	$4.00	
S. Van Antwerp Junr Wine &c	27.69	
A B Martling for ringers of 19 Bells	28.50	
Thos Brown, Band of Music	30.00	
Jno P Roome & Officers attending 5 July	32.00	
James Burns Sundries for Dinner "	53.08	
Jno Ritchie preparing Ammunition "	65.44	
C G Smedberg 4 doz Champagne "	70.00	
Saml Kip Junr Sundry Groceries "	76.49	
Wm Sykes furnishing Dinner "	417.00	804.20
Abm B Martling Keeper City Hall Expences for Corporation 1 Qr 1 Inst		138.71
Abrm B. Martling to buy fuel for City Hall And Watch houses		500.
Wm A Prince Carpenter for City Hall		58.84
John Curtis Coach Hire		29.00
J. Morton Clk Common Council for Hack hire paid		23.25
Jno Coffin Assist City Inspecr removing Nuisances 1 Qr 1 Inst bal		19.96
[277] J Drake & J. Ritchie Loan Officers making Abstracts 28 mortgages for Clk Office		14.00
Wm Slosson Counsel fee, Case of Butcher's Stalls Fly Market		200.00
David B Ogden Counsel fee Case of Butcher's Stall Fly Market		200.00
Geo Duryea Clk. Fulton Market 1 Mon. 1 Inst		41.67
Richd Smith " Franklin do 1 " "		38.75
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton do 1 " "		38.59
B. Hicks Assist Board of Health 1 " "		47.25
J. Pinckney ditto " 1 " "		47.25

F & H Van Pelt printing 1 Qr 1 Augt	264.75
Proprietor Evening Post Advertising Law for New Councils &c	51.50
Ditto Statesman Advertising Law for New Councils &c	51.50
Ditto Daily Advertiser Advertising Law for New Councils &c	49.50
Ditto Commercial Advertiser, Advertising Law for New Councils &c	42.00
Thos Longworth 7 Copies of Directory	12.25
Abrm Leggett Supers & Work Mud Machine 12 days to 1st Inst	86.96
J Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr 1 Augt	400.00
E. Morrill do 4. 6 do " "	400.00
H. Meigs do 5. 8 do " "	400.00
H Scovell do 7. 10 do " "	400.00
[278] D. M Cowdrey Clerk 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Augt	187.50
Geo Betts do 4. 6 do 1, do "	187.50
J Campbell do 5. 8 do 1. do "	187.50
Wm H Smith do 7. 10 do 1. do "	187.50
P H Wendover Sheriff for Officers Attending Courts 1 Quarr 1st Augt	1097.50
S. Montgomery for officers Servs Subpoenas 1 Qr 1 Augt	200.62
Jno P. Roome Crier of Court Sessions 1 Qr Salary 3 Augt	50.00
P H. Wendover Sheriff for Deputies Conveying persons to penitenty 1 Qr 1 Augt	24.50
J. Fleming Treasr for Order of Court to pay Witnesses	10.00
Thos Franklin 40 Loads Wood for Engine Houses	127.00
Jno S. Howe Physician City prison &c 1 Qr. Salary 1st Augt	75.00
I. A Isaac Clk Issuing Tavern Licenses in July	5.25
Henry Post Jr 38 Casks Oil bot of J Coleman	867.83
G Snethen Lights Lamps 1 Mo. 1st Inst	635.14
R Provoost repairs Lamps do do	70.14
Jno Van Duser Work at Lamps 1 Qr. do	58.05
Thos Fairchild Inspects Pavements of Streets 5 Mo. 1 Augt	159.86
Benjn Prince & Associates Assessing Sundry Streets. Wells & Pumps 6 mo. 1 Augt	492.00
Isaac J Ludlam Surveys. 1 Qr 1 July	92.20
[279] Danl Ewen Surveys 1 Qr 1 July	131.40
M DeCamp Corpor Assesst repavs Beekman St and Front St	231.67
R. Ayres, Earth & Stone at foot of Chamber and Reed Sts	51.75
J. McComb. repairs Intersections 1 & 3 Wards	169.26
Chs Coles Acct. reg & pav Columbia St from Rivington to Stanton	300.00
A H Mooney, Acct. repav New St from Garden to Beaver	300.00
A H Mooney. Acct repav Thomas St from Chapel to Hudson	100.00
H, Smith. Acct. repav Water St from Fulton St to Peck Slip	250.00
H. Smith Acct. reg. & pav Beekman St from Water St to River	200.00
H. Smith Acct. repavs Pearl St. from Fulton St to Peck Slip	90.00
H. Smith Acct. repav. Front St. from Beekman St to Peck Slip	200.00
Joseph Sands prin & Int. Canal St Sewer	44.89
Chrisr Rush " " " "	7.94
R. Pettigrew bal on Well Stanton St nr Bowery	84.42

J P Roome	Supert	Repairs for	repairs.....	686.00
J P. Roome	do	do	Essex Market	580.00
J P Roome	do	do	Fire Departt	300.00
J P Roome	do	do	Markets	30.00
[280] Arthur Burtis	Supt	Alms House for	Working Convicts.....	2000.00

Balance $1.38

The Board adjourned.

[281] In Common Council August 16th 1824

Present The Honble Willm Paulding Junr Mayor

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thos Bolton
Thaddeus Seymour	Saml St John
George Zabriskie	Saml Cowdrey
Shivers Parker	William Burtsell
Asa Mann	Stephen Conover
George S Doughty	Jameson Cox
Reuben Munson	Thomas T Woodruff
	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander

The reading of the Minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that having received information of the arrival of the Marquis De La Fayette in this City he had agreeably to a former resolution summoned this meeting to receive him—He also informed the Board that the Committee [282] of Arrangements had proceeded to Staten Island where the Marquis was lodged to receive and conduct him to the City—That the Marquis had landed & amidst the cheerings of an immense crowd of Citizens was proceeding to the Common Council Chamber—a few minutes after it was announced that the Marquis was at the door. he accordingly entered accompanied by the Committee—On his entrance the Members rose, and the Marquis having been presented by Alderman Zabriskie the Chairman of the Committee to the Mayor, his Honor addressed him in the following Speech.

General:

In the name of the municipal authority of the City, I bid you a sincere welcome to the shores of a Country of whose freedom and happiness, you will ever be considered one of the most honored and beloved founders.

Your only cotemporaries in arms, of whom indeed but few remain,

have not forgot, and their posterity will not forget, the Young and Gallant Frenchman who consecrated his youth, his talents, his fortune and his exertions to their cause—who exposed his life—who shed his blood, that they might become free and happy. They will [283] recollect with profound emotion, so long as they remain worthy of the liberties they enjoy, and of the exertions you made to obtain them, that you came to them in the darkest period of their Struggle—that you linked your fortune with their's when it seemed almost hopeless—that you shared in the dangers, privations and sufferings of that bitter struggle, nor Quitted them for a moment, till it was consummated on the glorious field of York-town. Half a century has elapsed since that great event, and in that time your name has become as dear to the friends, as ins[e]perably connected with the cause of Freedom, in the old, as in the new world.

The people of the United States look up to you as to one of their most honoured Parents—the Country cherishes you as one of the most beloved of her sons. I hope and trust, Sir, that not only the present, but the future conduct of my Countrymen, to the latest period of time, will, among other slanders, refute the unjust imputation, that Republics are always ungrateful to their benefactors.

In behalf of my fellow Citizens of New York, and speaking the warm and universal Sentiment of the whole people of the United States, I repeat their welcome to our Common Country.

[284] Permit me to add that the moment of my life, to which I shall look back with the greatest pleasure and pride, will be that in which it fell to my lot to be an Organ for expressing, however feebly, a Nation's gratitude.

To which the Marquis made the following reply.

Sir

While I am so affectionately received by the Citizens of New York, and their worthy representatives, I feel myself overwhelmed with inexpressible emotions, the Sight of the American Shore, after so long an Absence, the recollection of the many respected friends and dear Companions no more to be found on this land, the pleasure to recognise those who have survived, this immense concourse of a free republican population who so kindly welcome me, the admirable appearance of the Troops, the presence of a Corps of the National Navy, have excited sentiments to which no human language can be adequate. You have been pleased, Sir, to allude to the happiest times, the unallayed enjoyments of my public life. It is the pride of my heart to have been one of the earliest adopted Sons of America;

[285] I am proud also to add, that upwards of forty years ago, I have been particularly honored with the freedom of this City. I beg you M^r^ Mayor, I beg you Gentlemen, to accept yourselves, and to transmit to the Citizens of New York, the homage of my profound and everlasting gratitude, devotion and respect.

The Marquis was then introduced to the several members of the Board and afterwards his son George Washington La Fayette was in like manner presented to the Mayor and the Members.

M^r^ Cowdrey moved that the Portrait room in the City Hall be offered to the Marquis for his use during his residence in this City which was agreed to.

He also moved that when the Board adjourn they adjourn to meet on Wednesday next 4 Oclock, which was agreed to, The Board then adjourned and in front of the City Hall with the Marquis received a Salute from the Troops of Artillery on duty that day. After the review they returned to the Portrait room where refreshments were provided and the Military and Citizens were introduced to the Marquis, A Dinner was also provided at the City Hotel the quarters of the Marquis of which the members of the Board partook with him.

[286] In Common Council August 18^th^ 1824.

Present. The Hon^ble^ William Paulding Jun^r^ Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
W^m^ H Ireland	Tho^s^ Bolton
Thaddeus Seymour	Sam^l^ St John
George Zabriskie	Philip Hone
Shivers Parker	Sam^l^ Cowdrey
Asa Mann	W^m^ Burtsell
Jacob B Taylor	Stephen Conover
George S Doughty	Jameson Cox
Reuben Munson	Tho^s^ T. Woodruff
	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last regular and Special Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Francis Campbell Stating that the Corporation are in possession of Receipts of Creditors and property of his late brother W^m^ Campbell who died in the Island of Cuba in July 1824 and that having Administered to the will of his Brother he therefore requests he may receive the same was read & referred to the Finance Committee

[287] A Petition of Joseph Oliver Lessee of Store N^o^ 6 Fulton

Market to be permitted to surrender his Lease on the 1st Novemr next he paying up the rent to that period was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of James O'Connor for relief from a fine for acting as a Public Porter without a License therefor, Which was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of a Committee of the Reformed Dutch Church that the railing erected in front of a House owned by the Church No 190 Broad Way may be permitted to remain was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Charles Shepard & Co to be permitted to erect a Temporary shed on Broad Way at Bowery Hill, was referred to Street Committee.

A Petition of Henry Allen to be permitted to build a Cistern in the Street at No 26 Maiden Lane was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward and Street Commissioner

[288] A Letter was received from Arthur Burtis Esqr complaining of the great resort of idle Visitors to the Convicts placed on the Tread Mill, and requesting some arrangement may be made respecting the same, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Abraham Egbert to be Appointed Captain of the City Watch in place of Capt Walton resigned was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of the Merchants Exchange Company stating that by the report of the Commissioners for extending Garden Street and Sloat Lane the Corporation have become proprietors of a Gore of Land on the Northerly and Easterly side of Garden Street part of the lot of the Revd D. S. Bogart, that this gore would be of importance to the Exchange Company, and they therefore request the Corporation would Sell the Same to them in fee at the price it was valued at by the Commissioners of Assessment, the Same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee with powers.

[289] A Petition of Jacob Vincent for repayment of four dollars which remains in the hands of the Collector after payment of Taxes on two Lots in 29th Street Kips's Bay. was read and referred to the Finance Committee with powers.

A Petition of Alexander Stewart was received Stating that he has been employed a number of years as a Carpenter at the public yard that he has lately been discharged therefrom by the Superintendant of Repairs, and praying that the Case of his discharge may be enquired into and he restored—was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A Letter was received from Gasper Richard on the subject of a Machine invented by him to prevent the extension of fires, which having been read was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of James Hazleton complaining of having been expelled from Engine Company N° 6 and praying a hearing before a Committee, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[290] A Petition that a heap of Manure lying between King and Charlton Streets in Varick St. may be removed, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward.

A Petition that First Street may be opened from 1st Avenue to North Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition for a Well and pump at the Corner of Elizabeth and Spring Streets was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward

A Petition of a number of proprietors of Lots praying that Washington St. between Hammersley and Hammond Sts may be paved by private Contract was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thos Cummings for payment of Bal. on Herring Street was referred to the Finance Committee

A Letter was received from Capt Francis [291] Allyn Commander of the Ship Cadmus requesting the Corporation to accept of a Portrait of the Marquis De La Fayette was read, And

Resolved that the same be accepted and that the Clerk of the Common Council return the thanks of this Common Council to Capt Allyn for his acceptable present.

The Finance Committee on the petition of Abraham L. Smith presented the following report against the petitioner,

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the accompanying papers and Letter from Abrm L Smith, as to some title deeds for a Lot in Fulton Street, where the Engine House Stands, The said Abrm L Smith claims five dollars for the said papers, but your Committee are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to pay the same.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to comply with the demand of Mr Smith.

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Willm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Willm Burtsell
George Zabriskie

Whereupon the same was approved & the resolution *adoption* [adopted]

[292] The finance Committee to whom was referred the representation of the Street Commissioner respecting an Award to James C Lawrence reported as follows.

The finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed representation of the Street Commissioner respecting an award for damages on the opening of Beekman Street, which was made to James Crommelin Lawrence, whereas it was intended to be made to Charles Crommelin Lawrence, the Son of James Lawrence.

Your Committee think that it is manifest that Charles Crommelin Lawrence is entitled to the award in question, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to alter the warrant for the award in question, in favor of the said Charles Crommelin Lawrence, and that the Street Commissioner be authorised to pay over the same to him in the usual manner according to Law provided the said Charles execute a proper release in the premises

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Willm Burtsell
George Zabriskie

Which was approved and the Resolution and proviso adopted.

[293] The Market Committee on the petition of George Hawes to transfer his Stall N° 7 Washington Market to his son John F Haws reported in his favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Haws Butcher, requesting permission to transfer his Stand N° 7 Washington Market to his son John Frederick Haws.

Report; that Mr George Haws has become infirm of old age and that his son has attended to the business for the last year or two and has served a regular apprentiseship to the butchers trade, is industrious and of good character: Your Committee would therefore recommend that permission to transfer and a license be granted, for which purpose they offer the following resolution

Resolved, that George Haws have permission to transfer Stand N° 7 Washington Market to his son John Frederick Haws and that a

License be granted to John Frederick Haws on George Haws surrendering up the License now held by him for that Stand

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
William H Ireland
Thomas T. Woodruff
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[294] The Ferry Committee on the petition of Jane Evans and others administrators of Saml Evans deceased reported in favor of Petitioners as follows,

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Jane Evans and Danl S Griswold for himself; for Joseph G Swift; and for Silas Butler, praying that Mrs. Evans may have leave to assign the lease of the Walnut Street Ferry to Mr Griswold General Swift, and Mr Butler respectfully Report that they have examined the matter stated in the said petition, & are of opinion that the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted. They therefore pray leave to introduce the following Resolution.

Resolved that Jane Evans be authorized to transfer the lease of the Walnut Street ferry to Daniel S Griswold, Joseph G Swift, and Silas Butler, and that the Comptroller have power to indorse the necessary Consent for that purpose on the said Lease

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Conover
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[295] The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and pump near the intersection of Suffolk and Delancy St reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump near the intersection of Suffolk and Delancy Streets Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Gideon Ostrander
R Graves, St Commr

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and pump in Norfolk St reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the tenth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Annexed petition of William Messerve and others for a Well & pump in Norfolk St. near Rivington Street, Report [296] that a Well and pump is much wanted in that Vicinity, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Reuben Munson
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
R. Graves, St Commr

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and pump in Bleecker Street reported in favour of the Same as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commisioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of Stephen J Brinkerhoff and Others for a Well and pump in Bleecker Street between the Bowery and Broadway Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Thomas T Woodruff
R Graves St Commr

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[297] The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward on the petition of Abel Sammis reported in his favor as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the petition of Abel Sammis to be appointed a Weigher of Hay for the 9th Ward beg leave to report the following resolution

Resolved, that Abel Sammis be and he hereby is appointed a Weigher of Hay in and for the 9th Ward of this City.

(Signed) Geo. S Doughty
Alpheus Sherman

Which was approved and he was appointed a Weigher of Hay accordingly.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Essex St from Rivington to Stanton Street reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hubbs and Others requesting that Essex Street may be regulated and paved from Rivington Street to Stanton Street,

Report, that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners is reasonable and Ought to be granted—and accordingly they recommend the Adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners [298] be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Signed Reuben Munson
Saml St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Washington St. from Hammersly to Hammond Street reported in favour as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons the Owners of Lots on Washington Street from Hammersly to Hammond Street, praying that, that Street may be paved, Report that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Saml St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[299] The Street Committee on the petition to pave Pitt Street reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Owners of property on Pitt Street. praying that, that Street may be regulated and paved from Division Street to Stanton Street, Report, that in their Opinion the requests of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Saml St. John

Which was approved and the resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee on petition for paving Hudson St. from Charlton to King Street reported in favour of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons praying that Hudson Street may be paved from Charlton to King Street, Report that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and your Committee would recommend that the paving be continued to Christopher Street, in as much as Hudson Street is the direct communication between the [300] City and Greenwich Village, and at Certain Seasons of the year is rendered almost impassable on account, that it is not paved and of course deep and muddy, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Hudson Street be paved from Charlton Street to Christopher Street

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to Open 12[th] Street reported against the petition as follows. viz.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons to have 12[th] Street Opened from Broadway to Greenwich Lane as also a remonstrance against the same. Report that in the Opinion of your Committee the time has not arrived, when it shall be necessary to Open that Street, that it would at present be attended with serious injury to many of the land holders in its vicinity by destroying their well cultivated grounds and gardens.

Your Committee think it inexpedient [301] to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Reuben Munson
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9[th] Ward on the petition of James Cooper for appointment as Weigher of Hay reported in his favour as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9[th] Ward to whom was referred the petition of James Cooper for the appointment of Weigher of

Hay in and for the 9th Ward—Beg leave to report the following resolution.

Resolved, that James Cooper be, and he hereby is appointed a Weigher of Hay in and for the 9th Ward of this City

(Signed) Geo. S Doughty
Alpheus Sherman.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[302] The Street Committee on the petition to have Water Street repaved from Coenties to Old Slip reported against the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Whitney and others to have Water Street repaved from Coenties Slip to the Old Slip, and also the remonstrance against the same, report, that in their Opinion, the State of the pavement of that Street is such, as not to require repaving at the present—and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Reuben Munson
Saml St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of St. Thomas's Church to place an iron railing around the Church reported in favour of the same as follows Viz,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of St. Thomas's Church for permission to place a railing in front of their Building at the Corner of Houston Street [303] and Broadway, report, that they are of the Opinion that no inconvenience will be derived by the public in granting their request, provided the railing does not exceed the width allowed by Law for the railing of Areas—And they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that permission be given to Saint Thomas Church to place a railing in front of their building at the Corner of Broadway & Houston Street provided such railing does not extend farther into those Streets than the width of four feet on Broadway and three feet on Houston Street

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Reuben Munson
Saml St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The following Gentlemen were Appointed firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Hose Company N° 1

Alfred Underhill Grocer. Corner Mulberry & Pump Sts.
Vice. George Wardell Resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 4

James M Ross House Carpenter Cor Church & Leonard St
Vice John Adams Resigned

[304] Fire Engine Company N° 4

Peter Knight, Venetian Blind Maker, 350 Greenwich St
Vice Francis Johnson, Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 8

William Claydon, Painter & Glazier 74 Duane St.
Vice David Richards Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 16

Jn° R Codwise Grocer Corner Cedar & Nassau St
Vice Thomas Mildiberger Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 18

Miles Chambers Merchant 360 Pearl St.
Vice Thom^{s} Leggett Jun^{r} Time Expired.

Fire Engine Company N° 19

James G Smith Cordwainder 292 Grand St.
Vice Thomas Holmes Time Expired.

Fire Engine Company N° 24

John Boss Cabinet Maker Henry St
Vice Henry Ward Resigned.

[305] Fire Engine Company N° 26

John Van Horn Blacksmith 244 Cherry St.
Vice Isaac Ruland Resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 30

Jacob Wisterfield Rope Maker Delancy near Eldridge
Vice Richard Williams Resigned

Frederick Thompson Taylor 57 Elizabeth St.
Vice John Semlear Resigned

Benjamin M Taylor Cartman 83 Essex St.
Vice John Ackerman Resigned

Aaron Vanderbilt Black Smith Eldridge & Rivington
Vice William Farrington Resigned

James Eddy Shoe Maker Chrystie near Rivington
Vice Benj R Raynor Resigned.

A Report from Peter F Cisco Inspector of Weights & Measures was presented and Ordered to be filed,

The Watch Committee to whom had been [306] referred several petitions for the Appointment to the Office of Captain of the City Watch presented a Report recommending Azel Concklin to the Office. Which was read and laid for Consideration.

The Attorney presented the following in relation to a Lease to James Flanagan.

The Attorney herewith respectfully presents for excution a Lease to James Flanagan of Lot N° 203 in the Common Lands, for Eight Years from the 1st day of May next at the rent of $25 per annum. The Lease has been made out by direction of the Comptroller

respectfully Submitted,
M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be duly executed

He also reported that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate in relation to Mott Street Thompson St.—Opening 5th Avenue to 8th Street and to Garden St. and Sloat Lane, Which was referred to the St Committee.

He also presented a Law relative to the Sale of Hay the Consideration of which was postponed.

[307] The Street Commissioner presented a Communication respecting the renewal of the Collectors Bonds which expire on the 1st of Septemr next which was referred to the Counsel of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed Viz.

For a Well and pump in Suffolk Street near Delancy Street and Benjn Prince, Abraham Dally & John Brower were appointed Assessors.

For pitching and paving Essex Street from Rivington to Stanton St. and James Bleecker Cary Dunn Junr and Francis Peckwell were Appointed Assessors,

For a Well and pump in Norfolk near Rivington Street, and James Bleecker, John Bedient and John Salesbury appointed Assessors,

For Well and Pump in Bleecker Street between the Bowery and Broadway and Francis Peckwell Isaac Kip and Cary Dunn Junr were appointed Assessors.

[308] For pitching and paving Hudson St. from Charlton to Christopher St. and Cary Dunn Junr Francis Peckwell & Isaac Kip were Appointed Assessors.

For paving Pitt St. from Division to Stanton St. and Abraham Dally Benja Prince and John Targee were appointed Assessors,

For paving Washington St. from Hammersley to Hammond St, and James Bleecker, John Bedient and John Salisbury were appointed Assessors,

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances

No						
	1	J Lorillard	Owner	23	Ferry St.	A Lot
	2	G Weeks	do	88	Division	"
	3	H Ashfield	do		Varick St	"
	4	Wm Reed	do		do	"
	5	Jno E Mowatt	do		Amity	"
	6	Thomas Storm	do		Carmine	"
	7	[309] O Ruggles	ditto		Greene St	"
	8	S Van Ransellaer	ditto		Collect St	"
	9	J J Lockwood	ditto		ditto	"
	10	Wm Lawrence	ditto		ditto	"
	11	Robt Cochran	ditto		Front St	"
	12	Danl Banta	ditto		Sullivan St	"
	13	H Bertholf	ditto		Do	"
	14	J Lane	ditto		Do	"
	15	J P Chrystie	ditto		Do	"
	16	Ackerman & Remsen	ditto		Do	"
	17	R B Coley	ditto		Broome St	"
	18	J Whetten	ditto		Watts St	"
	19	A L Stewart	ditto		Do	"
	20	Chs Cadle	ditto		Do	"
	21	Robt Bogardus	ditto		Canal St	"
	22	G Lorillard	ditto		Do	"
	23	J Ellis	ditto		Hudson St	"
	24	C. M & R Foshay	ditto		Do	"
	25	J N Wells	ditto		Do	"
	26	C Lewis	ditto		Do	"
	27	Wm B Crosby	ditto		Bancker St	"
	28	P Lorillard	ditto		Chrystie St	"
	29	J J Astor	ditto		King St	"
	30	Rd Amos	ditto		Greenwich St	"
	31	J Covel	ditto		Spring St	"
	32	D Haggerty	ditto		Anthony St	"
	33	T Pugsley	ditto		Division St	"

Geo. Cuming
Cy Inspector.

[310] Alderman Ireland presented a resolution directing the repeal of so much of the Law respecting the Sale of Bread as directs the Sale of Bread by Weight in Loaves of One, two pounds &c without any fractional parts, Which was referred to the following Special Committee Alderman Ireland, Parker, Taylor Messrs Bolton & Cowdrey.

Mr Burtsell presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slip to enquire into the propriety of extending the 12th District for the Inspection of Firewood.

Alderman Zabriskie After some prefatory Observations presented the following Resolutions which was unanimously adopted,

Whereas the Common Council are desirous of perpetuating the Memory of a Man who will be distinguished in the Annals of Our Country for his Love of Freedom and of Military Glory Whose name will be ever associated by posterity with that of Washington, the illustrious Founder of our republic, And as the portrait of one so venerated will be always looked upon with [311] Interest and will awaken feelings favourable to Virtue and patrotism,

Resolved, therefore that the Honble Major Genl the Marquis De La Fayette be requested to favour this Common Council with sitting for his Portrait to be placed in the gallery of Portraits of the Common Council among those great and good men who have done honor and Service to Our Country.

Resolved that the Committee of Arrangements be requested to wait upon the Marquis with a Copy of this Resolution and on his acceding to the request that they take charge of the execution of the same.

He also presented the following resolution which was unanimously Adopted.

Resolved, also in testimony of the high respect which this Common Council entertain for George Washington De LaFayette the Son of the Marquis De LaFayette whose Virtues they trust he bears with the Honored name of his father, be made a Freeman of the City of New York, and that the Certificate of Freedom handsomely engrossed be presented to him in a golden box.

Resolved that the Committee [on Arrangements] have the above Resolution carried into effect

[312] Alderman Doughty presented the following Resolution which was adopted and referred to the same Committee to carry into effect.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Board in relation to Gen[l] De La Fayette, together with the address of the Mayor to him, and his Answer thereto, with his signature in his own proper hand writing, and the signatures of the Mayor, Recorder, and the Members of the Common Council, be handsomely engrossed on Vellum, One Copy thereof to be presented to the General, and One Copy to be placed among the Archives of the Common Council.

The Comptroller made the following report

Balance as per Acct 2[d] Inst	$1.38
Rec[d] for Rents	12.447.59
" " Taxes of 1823 2[d] & 6[th] Wards	2.458.03
" " Streets	6.911.70
" " Police Office fees	1.474.96
" " Justices Courts	785.29
" " Wells & pumps	509.85
" " Arrears of Tax	500.
" " Fines &c of Sheriff	496.
" " Commutation Alien passengers	205.
[313]" " Mayoralty fees	93.
" " District Attorney's fees	86.66
" " Fines &c of Attorney	13.11
	$25.982.57
Loan of J. Fleming from Amount paid by Banks &c of Tax, without Interest	22.300.
	$48.282.57

59 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Walton, Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2[d] "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3[d] "	645.75
G. N. Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr 15 Inst	400.
J. P. Roome Super. Repairs 14 Inst	250.
John Burger regulating 4 public Clocks 1 q[r] 1 Inst	50.
M Ulshoeffer Sundry Charges	207.90
Leonard Baum Clk Washington Mark[t] 1 Mo 1 Inst	65.29
John Bremner " Catharine " " " "	58.00
Peter Amerman " Six " " " "	50.50
Ja[s] Hopson Special Justice 1 Qr 12 Inst.	400.
Henry Abell " " " "	400.
Smith Ovutt " " " "	400.
S L'Hommedieu Clk police " "	312.50
R Stephens Ass[t] " do " "	250.
H. Maxwell Dis[t] Attorney " "	625.
R. Hatfield Clk of Sessions " "	375.
R. Hatfield do do to pay Witnesses " "	30.

Abr Leggett Supt & Work mud machine 12 dys 15 Inst....	116.88
[314] Abrm Knapp 1 Qr Rent. Court room 4 & 6 Ward 1st Inst.....	25.
Saml Downing 1 Qr Rent Court room 7 & 10 Ward 1st Inst.	25.
Commercial Advertiser Adverts Tavern Licenses.....	11.50
Lang Turner & Co Advertising Law for New Councils &c..	44.00
Merchantile Advertiser, Advertising Law for New Councils &c.....	42.00
American, Advertising Law for New Councils &c.....	42.00
National Advocate, do do " ditto	42.00
National Advocate Subscripn 4½ Mo. 15 June.....	37.50
Susannah Drake & Chs Drake Error in Assessment 2d Ward	27.90
William Slosson Counsel fee, case Canal St Sewer & Assesst Banker St.....	125.
H. Smith bal. reg & pav Beekman St. from Water St to East river	427.42
H. Smith bal. reg & pav Washington St. from Watts to Charlton St.....	290.21
A. H. Mooney Acct. reg & pav New St from Garden to Beaver St.....	240.00
H. Smith bal. reg & pav. Collister St from Beach to Laight St.....	200.06
J. Pinkerton, bal. reg. & pav. South St from Dover to Roosevelt St.....	197.87
[315] H Smith Bal. reg & repav. Front St from Fulton to Peck slip	192.25
H Smith Acct reg & repav Water St. from Fulton to Peck slip	160.
H Smith Acct repav Beekman St from Pearl to Cliff St...	100.00
J Pinkerton Bal. reg. & pav Canal St from Church to Sullivan St.....	47.26
Commercial Advertiser Advers Sale Assessmt 9th Augt &c.	62.
American, adverts Sale assessmt 9th Augt &c.....	50.
James Bleecker Auction fees 24 Lots for Assessts and 3 Stands Essex Market.....	52.50
J. Gallagher 1s payment Well Rhynder St near Broome St.	76.28
G Charlton 1s payment Well 11th Street near Bowery.....	54.
R Pettigrew 1s paymt Well Canal St nr Hudson.....	29.75
J. Anderson 1s paymt building Pier Roosevelt St Basin....	1.445.
W. Westerfield & G Tucker Acct Mason Work Fever Hospital	2.500.00
J. Lucas on Acct. Carpenter's Work fever Hospital.....	1.000.
Robt Bogardus Attorney for Corns Roosa Verdict & Costs Vs Board of Health.....	535.96
R Munson Treasurer. Board of Health.....	464.04

[316] J P Roome supt			Repairs for Stone to repair Castle Clinton	1456.12	
J P Roome	ditto	"	Repairs	418.	
J P Roome	ditto	"	Fire Department	391.	
J P. Roome	ditto	"	Alms House Deparr..	200.	
J. P Roome	ditto	"	Wells & Pumps.....	145.	
J. P. Roome	ditto	"	Markets	102.	
J. P. Roome	ditto	"	Lamp Department ...	100.	
A Burtis Superintendant Alms House.....				5000.	
P H. Wendover Chairman Commissioners Common Schools for 1824				7.208.89	
J Fleming Treasurer to pay Interest on City Stock 1 Qr 1st Inst.....				18.500.	$33.521.01
			Balance	Dollars	97.74

The Board adjourned

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IN Common Council.

August 30th 1824.

Present.

The Hon.ble Jas. Paulding Junr. Mayor President
Richd Riker Esqr. Recorder

1 Ward			Thos. Dolton
2 do.			Samuel H. John
3 do.	William McCleland		J
4 do.	Thaddeus Seymour		Saml. Crowdus
5 do.	George Labrishe		William Constable
6 do.	Theodd Dunbar	William C.	Stephen Somers
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Aldermen

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A Request from a Committee of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge for permission to quarry Stone for the purposes of the [320] Institution from the Road near the premises or from lands belonging to the Corporation in the Neighbourhood, Which being read was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places with powers.

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3 do.	William H. Leland	S	
4 do.	Thaddeus Seymour	Saml. Crowdus	
5 do.	George Labrishe	William Dentale	
6 do.	Shewed Parker	Stephen Simmons	
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A petition of Sundry Inhabitants for paving the side Walks in Rhinder Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from J Morton & Ch[s] King in behalf of a Committee of Militia Officers and Citizens was received Stating that it, being intended to give a Fête to Gen[l] LaFayette at [321] the Castle Garden they requested permission for Carriages on that Occasion to drive on the Battery to the Bridge leading to the Castle, The same having been read it was referred to the Committee on Lands and places with powers to grant such facilities as they should judge necessary on that Occasion.

A Petition of Owners of property on Hudson St north of Charlton Street, Remonstrating against the proposed paving of Hudson St, from King to Charlton St. and praying.

First. That they may have the power Vested in themselves to pave said Street, &,

Secondly, That the paving be deferred until June next. Which being read was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slip on the Resolution referred to them respecting extending the 12[th] Firewood Inspection District reported as follows. viz.

The Committee on Wharves. Piers and Slips, to whom the annexed resolution was referred, respecting the propriety of extending the twelfth district for the Inspection of firewood, respectfully report, that the existing State of things requires [322] that, one of the inspectors in the Twelfth district, should be empowered to inspect all firewood that may or shall be landed between the Hoboken ferry house and the South side of Warren Street on the North river

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that One of the Inspectors of firewood for the twelfth district be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to inspect all the firewood that may or shall be landed between Hoboken ferry House and the South side of Warren Street, on the North river

George Zabriskie
Signed Sam[l] Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Shivers Parker

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Police Committee on the representation of the Commissioner of the Alms House respecting Visitors to the Tread Mill reported as follows Viz.

The Police Committee to whom the Communication from the Commissioners of the Alms House in relation to the evils arising from the numerous Visitors to See the [323] Tread Mill, was referred, respectfully report.

That upon an investigation of this subject the Committee are satisfied that great inconvenience results from the unrestrained liberty hitherto granted to visit this establishment, and that there is every reason to fear that it has a very injurious effect upon the prisoners— The Committee fully concur with the Commissioners in the Opinion that an immediate check ought to be given to this growing evil, and they beg leave, for that purpose to submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that from and after this period, no person shall be allowed to Visit the Tread Mill, at Bellevue without a Written permission from his Honor the Mayor or the Recorder, or one of the Members of the Common Council, or One of the Commissioners of the Alms House.

Resolved that the Clerk of this Board furnish the Commissioners with a Copy of this report.

Thomas Bolton.
(Signed) T. Seymour
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved and the Resolutions Adopted.

It was also directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

[324] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Francis Campbell respecting a part of his brothers Estate paid over by the public Administrator to the City Treasurer reported as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully Report on the annexed petition of Francis Campbell, That the Petitioner has obtained from the Surrogate of New York letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of the estate and effects of his late Brother William Campbell, and is therefore entitled to receive the balance in the hands of the Chamberlain of that Estate, as paid in by the Public Administrator.

By Law the Public Administrator is annually to exhibit to the Common Council a Statement of his receipt and expenditures, therefore the Vouchers for the Administration of the estate would seem to belong to the Public Administrator, as he is only bound to deliver a Statement, which Statement is to be published by the Common Council

Your Committee therefore think, that this Board cannot direct the

receipts to be given to the petitioner, and they accordingly Offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested [325] to report a Warrant for the balance of the above mentioned estate of William Campbell which was paid in by the Public Administrator, in favour of Francis Campbell his administrator with the Will annexed.

William H Ireland
(Signed) George Zabriskie
William Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Resolution proposing an alteration in the Law regulating the Manufacture and Sale of Bread presented a Report and a Law corresponding therewith which were laid for Consideration and directed to be published for the use of the members.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 1

Henry Hopper Cartman 550 Broome St
Vice Potter Edsall Resigned.

[326] Fire Engine Company N° 8

George Janeway Gent[n] 70 Chatham
Vice George Greenzebach Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 10

Charles Huestice Grocer Cor of Bowery & first
Vice James Pensford Resigned,

Fire Engine Company N° 15

Whitehead H Andrews Tallow Chand[l]er 5 Lombardy
Vice Jeremiah F Craig Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 20

Thomas J Mingus Carpenter 75 Provoost St
Vice Sam[l] Jackson Resigned

Alexander Barr Carpenter 64 Chamber
Vice Moses C Hedden Resigned

William Creighton Carpenter Elm St.
Vice William Butler joined Another Company

James Smith Turner 55 Elm St Vice William Bull Time Expired.

[327] William T Kemp Clerk Cor of Dey & Greenwich St
Vice Thomas Jeroleman, Time Expired.

Fire Engine Company N° 22

Benjamin Farrington Grocer < Harman & Clinton
Vice Nevingston Greenard Resigned

William Carter Carpenter 165 Bancker St
Vice Henry Brush Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 29

Asa W Hall Tin Smith Greenwich St Vice Ezekiel Miles Resigned

Jacob Vansaan Cartman Greenwich St
Vice Uziah Codington Resigned

Halsted Blauvelt Cartman Herring St
Vice David Dunn Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 36

William Day Brass founder < Watt and Varick Sts
Vice James Thorp Resigned

[328] Fire Engine Company N° 37

Collin Campbell Bellows Maker Allen N^r North
Vice Bishop Cornell Time Expired

Alfred W Shadbolt Shoe Maker 100 Forsyth
Vice John Lee Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 40

Cornelius Read Carpenter Division St N^r Grand
Vice William Banta Dead.

The Attorney presented the following Leases of Land heretofore Sold for Taxes or assessments

The Attorney of the Board herewith presents for execution, the following Leases of Lands heretofore Sold at Auction for Non payment of taxes and Assessments, the same not having been redeemed within the period prescribed by Law, and the said Leases having been prepared agreeably to the directions of the Street Commissioner.

1 All that Certain Lot of ground in the 9th Ward at Kip's Bay, near land of G & R Waite, Assessed as belonging to Joseph Hone Sold to John E Mowatt for 35 Years from 12th August 1824 for $13 $^{38}/_{100}$.

2nd [329] All that certain Lot of ground in the 8th Ward, on the East Side of Orange between Spring and Prince Sts. Assessed as belonging to T & J Gardner—Sold to Isaac Thorne for 15 Years from 12th August 1824 for $217 $^{74}/_{100}$.

3rd All those five Lots of Land at Harleam, in the 9th Ward, in Waldrons plot so called, assessed as belonging to Wm Udall—Sold to Peter Kerrison for 18 Years, from 12th August 1824 for $10 $^{5}/_{100}$

4th All that Certain House and Lot in the 9th Ward, on the north side of Charles between Herring and Hudson Streets, assessed as belonging to Thomas Blanch Sold to Isaac Thorne for three years from 12th Augt 1824 for $25 $^{51}/_{100}$

5th All that Lot of ground in the 10th Ward on the west side of Pitt between Broome and Delancy Streets, Assessed as belonging to Henry Livingston. Sold to John E Mowatt for 15 Years, from 12th August 1824. for $15 $^{0}/_{100}$

6th All that Lot in the 10th Ward on the West Side of Pitt, between Broome and Delancy Streets, Assessed as belonging to Henry Livingston, Sold to John E Mowatt for 12 Years from 12th August 1824 for $15 $^{02}/_{100}$

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

[330] The Attorney also presented the following Report together with a release from Charles Crommeline Lawrence for an award to him in case of Openning Beekman St.

Agreeably to the resolution of the board on that subject, the Attorney herewith presents a release from Charles Crommeline Lawrence to the Corporation, of all his interest in the property taken for extending Beekman St. in consideration of the payment to him of certain awards of the Commissioners made to him by the name of James Crommeline Lawrence.

Mr Lawrence will be in Town to morrow to execute the said release, and the Attorney respectfully suggests the propriety of directing the Comptroller and St Commissioner, on its execution, to carry into effect the resolution passed at the last meeting

respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Report was approved and the St. Commissioner and Comptroller directed to act agreeably thereto.

He also presented the following report of property sold for assessments.

The Attorney respectfully Reports for [331] execution the following certificates of the sale of property sold for Assessments in pursuance of the Statute by the Street Commissioner on the 9th day of August instant. viz

1st All that certain house and Lot situate on the west side of Dover Street, between Pearl and Water Streets, in the fourth Ward. sold to Robert Gracie for 2 years, from 9th August 1826 for the Sum of $463 55/100 Assessed as belonging to Archibald Gracie.

2nd All that piece of Land in the fourth Ward of the said City, on the north side of South Street, between Dover and Roosevelt Streets. assessed as belonging to Elizabeth Morris, sold to Adrian H. Van Bokkelin for 15 years from 9th August 1826 for the sum of $170 98/100

3rd. All that piece of Land in the fourth Ward, on the south side of Front Street between Dover & Roosevelt Streets, assessed as belonging to Elizabeth Morris, Sold to Adrian H Van Bokkelin for 15 years from 9th August 1826 for $80 16/100

4th. All that certain piece of Land in the fourth Ward, on the North side of Front St. between Dover and Roosevelt Streets, assessed as belonging to Elizabeth Morris, Sold to Adrian H Van Bokkelin for 15 years from 9th August 1826 for $80 16/100.

5th. All that certain piece of land on the South side of Water Street between Dover and [332] Roosevelt Streets, in the fourth ward, assessed as belonging to Elizabeth Morris, Sold to Adrian H Van Bokkelin for One year from 9th Augt 1826 for $147 82/100

6th All that certain wharf, on the South side of South Street between Dover & Roosevelt Streets in the Fourth ward, assessed as belonging to Elizabeth Morris, sold to Adrian H. Van Bokkelin for 15 years from 9th August 1826 for $101 50/100

7th All that Certain house and lot of ground in the second ward, on the West side of Cliff, between Beekman and Fulton Streets, assessed as belonging to the heirs of John Anderson, sold to Thomas R. Ludlam for one year from 9th August 1826, for $41 86/100

8th All that certain house and Lot of ground in the second ward, on the South side of Beekman between Gold and William Streets, assessed and belonging to the Heirs of John Anderson, sold to Aaron B Woodruff, for 4 years from 9th August 1826 for $284 49/100

9th All that certain Lot in the Eighth Ward, on the West Side of Greene between Prince and Spring Streets, assessed as belonging to John Edwards Junr Sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 6 years [333] from 9th Augt 1826 for $22 94/100

10th All that certain Lot of Land in the Tenth Ward, on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as

belonging to David M^cCready, sold to Thomas R Ludlam for One year from 9th August 1826 for $23 $^{2}/_{100}$

11th All that certain lot of Land in the Tenth Ward, on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as belonging to David M^cCready, sold to Thom^s R Ludlam for ten years from 9th August 1826 for $22 $^{68}/_{100}$.

12th All that certain lot of Land in the Tenth Ward on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as belonging to David M^cCready, sold to Thomas R Ludlam for Eight years from 9th August 1826 for $22 $^{16}/_{100}$

13th All that certain lot of land in the tenth ward on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as belonging to David M^cCready, sold to Thomas R. Ludlam for Eight years from the 9th of August 1826 for $21 $^{65}/_{100}$

14th All that certain lot of Land in the tenth Ward, on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as belonging to David M^cCready, sold to Thomas [334] R. Ludlam for 6 years from 9th Aug^t 1826 for $21.$^{12}/_{100}$

15th All that certain lot of land in the tenth ward, on the west side of Attorney between North and Stanton Streets, assessed as belonging to David M^cCready, sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 9 years from 9th August 1826 for $15 $^{62}/_{100}$

16th All those two certain lots situate in the Eighth ward, on the west side of Wooster between Bleecker and Amity Streets, assessed as belonging to John Miller, sold to William Edmonds for 9 years from 9th Aug^t 1826 for $23 $^{78}/_{100}$

17th All that certain lot of land situate in the Eighth Ward, on the north side of Canal, between Wooster and Greene Streets, assessed as belonging to John Shay, sold to Thomas Scott for 8 years from 9th August 1826 for $61 $^{79}/_{100}$

18th All that certain lot of land in the Tenth ward on the south side of Delancy, between Forsyth and Eldridge Sts. assessed as belonging to Andrew Rothgangle, sold to John Johnson for 6 years from 9th August 1826, for $14 $^{65}/_{100}$

19th All that certain house and lot in the fifth ward, on the East side of Chapel, between Lespenard & Walker Streets [335] assessed as belonging to Joseph Galley, sold to William Edmonds, for 2 years from 9th Aug^t 1826 for $39 $^{91}/_{100}$

20th All that certain House and Lot in the Fourth ward, on the west side of James Street, between Batavia and Cherry Sts. assessed

as belonging to William Lambert, sold to Isaac Ammerman for 2 years from 9th August 1826 for $49 5/100

21st All that certain House and Lot in the Eighth Ward, on the West side of Thompson between Broome and Spring Streets, assessed as belonging to Eliza Evertson, sold to James Morange for 12 years from 9th August 1826 for $190 8/100

22nd All that certain house and lot of [land] in the Eighth Ward, on the north side of Spring between Wooster and Laurens Street, assessed as belonging to Robert *Furgeson* [Ferguson], sold to William J. Cantelo for 3 years from 9th August 1826 for $18 5/100.

23rd All that certain House and lot in the Fifth Ward, on the east side of Church between Lispenard and Canal Streets, assessed as belonging to Thomas Blanch, sold to William S. Watkins for 2 years from 9th August 1826 for $108 27/100.

24th All that certain house and lot in the Eighth ward, on the west side of [336] Wooster between Spring and Prince Streets assessed as belonging to Robert Furguson Sold to Stuart Elder for 7 years from 9th August. 1826 for $17 6/100

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the said Certificates were directed to be duly authenticated.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report in relation to the Gas light Company.

The Street Commissioner on whom was conferred the charge of attending to the carrying into Effect the agreements and stipulations of the Gas Company with the Corporation of this City so far as relates to the digging, filling and repaving so much of the Streets as should be required for the purpose of laying the Gas pipes—begs leaves to state that he has particularly and unremittingly attended to that part of his duty, and from time to time given directions to the agent of the Gas Company as to the manner of performing the work, the which he is sorry to say has not been complied with

The Street Commissioner at length finding but little attention paid to his directions [337] Applied to the President and Directors of that Company; from whom he had received assurances that in future there shall be no cause of complaint, that every part of the pavement found insufficient shall be repaired, and that a person should be employed whose duty it should be to attend constantly to the filling ramming and repaving the breaches made in the pavements by the laying of the Gas pipes.

Should the Board deem it necessary or expedient to give any further instructions to their Street Commissioner in the premises they are assured, that they will be duly carried into effect

respectfully Submitted

R Graves
St Commr

Whereupon the Same was ordered to be filed.

The Street Commissioner, presented an assessment for paving side walks in Prince St. between Broadway and the Bowery, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Comptroller presented a Release of [338] Quit Rent to the Merchants' Bank on a grant formerly made to Theophilus Hardenbrook

The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board, for their approbation, a Release of Quit rent on a Water lot granted to Theopholis Hardenbrook on the 13th day of August 1772. The Indenture is to The President Directors and Company of the Merchants Bank in this City, and was Commuted by them on the 28th Inst.

It is approved by the Counsel of the Board.

G. N Bleecker Comptr

Whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed

The City Inspector presented the following Report on a sunken Lot corner of McDougal and Amity Streets

The City Inspector respectfully reports that a sunken Lot at the Corner of McDougall and Amity Streets, formerly owned by Mr Stone, was lately ordinanced to correct a nuisance there; but as the property has been sold for the payment of taxes, and the present possessor declines [339] filling it in on the principle that it may be redeemed before the expiration of two years, and that, in that event, he could not recover the expence of correcting the nuisance; it therefore appears that this is a Case requiring the interferance of the Board, more especially as it is filled with Water, and the adjoining Lots have Lost much Earth which fell into this Lot during every rain.

It is therefore recommended that the Nuisance be corrected at the public charge and a lien held for the Expense thereof, in pursuance of the law lately enacted for that purpose

respectfully Submitted

Geo. Cumming
City Inspector.

Whereupon the said Report was accepted

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances

No 1	R. Bogardus	Owner	84 Essex St	A Lot
2	W Wainwright	"	Greenwich St	"
3	R. Riker	"	Sheriff St	"
4	J. Hitchcock	Occupt	Do	"
5	[340] Jno J. Astor	Owner	Elizabeth St	"
6	B Birdsall	"	Lispenard St	"
7	Wm C. French	"	Orange St	"
8	J. Laing	"	Catharine Lane	"
9	Wm Ross	"	Anthony St	"

Geo. Cuming Cy Inspector

A Communication, from John Shephard stating that Mr Mott Weighmaster at Fulton Market at the time the Corporation were escorting the Marquis De La Fayette from Staten Island to the City had uttered certain indecorous expressions. the same was referred to the Market Committee

A Request of Mr John Vanderlyn to be employed to paint the Portrait of the Marquis De La Fayette ordered by the Corporation, and a

Similar request from J W Jarvis were referred to the Committee of arrangement with powers—and it was Resolved, that the said Committee have full powers in relation to such attentions as they may judge it proper to pay to the Marquis on his return and during his residence in the City

[341] The Commissioners, under the Laws of April 1823 in relation to Lots and Streets between North and 34th Streets, presented a Report accompanied with Maps which were referred to the Street Committee.

A Subpoena issuing out of the Court of Chancery dated 9th of August Inst. at suit of Robt M Livingston and Sarah B his wife against the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York returnable on 24th Augt Inst. was presented as having been served upon the Mayor. Whereupon the Attorney was directed to enter his appearance and defend said suit.

An Invitation from the Choral Society inviting the Corporation and through them the Marquis De La Fayette to a grand performance of Sacred Music in Saint Pauls Church was received

The Recorder presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the Committee be requested to communicate the thanks of the Board to "the Choral Society of New York" for their polite invitation, and to assure the Society that [342] the same shall be submitted to the Marquis and his Answer transmitted to the Society.

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That Mercer Street be regulated and paved from Bleecker St to Amity St. and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

Alderman Taylor also presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Lands and Places to take into consideration the propriety of selecting a suitable place to be used as a Potters field

Mr St. John Chairman of the Committee on Lands and Places made a Verbal report on subject of the expences of the City Burial Ground. He stated that they would come short of the first estimate which was $10.000 and he believed they might be brought within the sum of $6,000. The Recorder presented a Resolution directing a Warrant to be reported for Arthur Burtis Treasurer of the [343] Committee for the further sum of $2,500 which was adopted.

The Comptroller made the following Report. viz

Balance in the Treasury as pr Acct 18 Inst	97.74	
Received for Rents	5990.10	
" " Tavern Licenses	3657.	
" " Clerk of Sessions fees	149.50	
" " Taxes of 1823. 2d Ward	3500.	
" " Mayoralty fees	82.	
" " Commutation Alien passrs	5.	
	$10.481.34	
Loan of J. Fleming from Amt paid by Banks &c of Tax of 1823, without Interest	8.100.	
		$18.581.34

41 Accounts Audited

H. Leek Watch 1st Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	645.75
John Sidell 1st Marshall 1 Qr Salary 1 July	225.
George Cuming Cy Inspr 1 Qr do 1 Septr	200.
Talman J Waters Clk Compr Office 1 Qr 24 Augt	200.
Thos Franklin Chief Engineer 1 Qr 18 Inst	125.

Astin & Higbie Messengers			1 Mo.	1 Sept.	52.
Obadiah Ayres Asst Cy Inspr			"	"	45.50
John Coffin	ditto		"	"	45.50
[344] Wm Schureman	Keeper	Pottersfield	"	"	38.75
Andrew McCready	"	Park	"	"	31.
Charles Gilman	"	Battery	"	"	31.
O Jaques	St Inspector	1 Wd	"	"	31.
P. Wright	"	2 "	"	"	31.
T Jeroleman	"	3 "	"	"	31.
N B Lyon	"	4 "	"	"	31.
A. Ackerman	"	5 "	"	"	31.
W Kerr	"	6 "	"	"	31.
B Fuller	"	7 "	"	"	31.
S. Hutchings	"	8 "	"	"	31.
D. Hubbard	"	10 "	"	"	31.
John Bremner	Clk	Catharine Markt	"	"	57.
Geo. Duryea	"	Fulton "	"	"	41.67
Richd Smith	"	Franklin "	"	"	38.75
Isaac Astin	Sweeper	Fulton "	"	"	38.59

Geo B Thorp Keeper City Prison & 2 Dep 1 Qr 1 Augt.... 450.
J Pinckney Assist Board of Health 1 Month 1 Septemr.... 45.50
B Hicks Assist Board of Health 1 Month 1 Septemr..... 45.50
Abrm Leggett Superr & Work Mud Machine 12 days to 29 Augt 125.71
G Snethen Lightr Lamps 1 Mo 1 Septr..... 609.37
Robt Provoost reparr " 1 " 1 " 62.54
H. Tallman Coroner, fees 1 Qr 1 Inst..... 652.81
[345] J. Hays for Officers Extra Services Police 1 Qr 26th August 204.59
J Hays for Officers Conveying persons to C Prison 1 Qr. 1 Augt 193.50
J Hays for Officers Conveying persons to Penitenty 1 Qr 26 Augt ..... 72.
R Pettigrew 1st paymt Well Henry St. near Grand St..... 72.
J. Gallagher 1st payment Well, Lombardy near Pitt St..... 63.80
R Graves Street Commissioner for repairs Road..... 800.00
H Smith, Acct. flagging around the Battery..... 1600.
Estate Thos Lovett by Geo Lovett Acct filling at Battery.. 10.000.

The Board adjourned.

[346] In Common Council September 13th 1824

Present The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
[Richard Riker] Recorder

	Aldermen		Assistants	
1	Ward		1 Ward	Thoms Bolton
2	"	Elisha W King	2 "	Saml St John
3	"	Wm H Ireland	3 "	Philip Hone
4	"	Thaddeus Seymour	4 "	Saml Cowdrey
5	"		5 "	Wm Burtsell
6	"	Shivers Parker	6 "	
7	"	Asa Mann	7 "	Jameson Cox
8	"	Jacob B Taylor	8 "	Thos T Woodruff
9	"	Geo. S Doughty	9 "	Alpheus Sherman
10	"	Reuben Munson	10 "	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

A Petition of George Warner praying to purchase from Corporation a gore of Land on 4th Street which lies in front of property belonging to the Corporation was read and referred to the Finance Committee

[347] A Petition of Charles Coles for release from a penalty incured by digging out Henry Street was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of George Zabriskie for permission to commute for a Water lot grant made to David Ackerman on 10th Jany 1804 on the North river was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition for a Cross walk to be laid from House No 154 Chatham Street to 163 same Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistants 4th and 6th Wards.

A Petition that the Ferry Stairs at White Hall Slip may be repaired, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Occupants in West St. that West Street from Barclay to Murray Street may be regulated and paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Catharine O'Donnell for leave to sell Crockery in Fulton Market, was [348] referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Hugh Goble for grant of Stall No 15 Washington Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John J Morris for Office of Inspector of Lumber was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Remonstrance of Owners of property in Vicinity of Gouverneur

St and Walnut St against opening a Street between said Streets from Grand to South Streets—was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Isaac H Underhill for relief from a Judgement recovered against him for driving a Cart without a License and also for Cartmans License on giving security, which being read was referred to the Police Committee

A petition of Engell Friend for relief from a fine for illegally constructing a privy [349] was referred to the Police Committee

A petition of John G Tibbet was received praying repayment of 42 dollars paid by him on certain property sold as belonging to David M^cCready for non payment of Assessment, on which he had a Mortgage, which he bought in and which $42 was for expences not necessary—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Sundry Inhabitants, that the Square or Triangular piece of ground at Division Street may be regulated and paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Fire Engine N° 16 was received stating that they lately elected James R Codwise a member of the Company but who th[r]ough mistake was returned by the name of John and praying the Error may be corrected Whereupon it was Resolved that James R Codwise be appointed a Fireman to Fire Engine N° 16.

A petition of Samuel Bell for Office of Wood Inspector, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A petition that the pier now constructing [350] at the foot of Chamber Street may be extended to the line of the One constructing at the foot of Murray St. was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

A Petition from William Depew for relief from an Assessment for Tax, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition for a Well and Pump near the Corner of Spring and Elizabeth Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8^th^ Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition that the pavement along the Bulkhead fronting Broad St. and along Lent's Basin be repaved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Rob^t^ Latimore praying Compensation for working the 10^th^ Avenue, was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition from Jonas Humbert and Others Bakers, on the subject of the Law relating to Bread was read, they request that an

Assize may be permanently fixed and the allowance on a Barrel of Superfine f[l]our to be Twenty Eight Shillings.

[351] That a fair mode be pursued for obtaining the price of Baker's flour

That Bread be liable to seizure in Stores as well as in Bakeries

That no alteration be made in the price of Bread unless there is a difference of four Shillings in the price of a Barrel of flour.

That Wheat and Indian be the same price on account of the trouble, and twisted bread exempted for the same reason

That the price be One Shilling for a loaf weighing 56 Ounces when flour is $5 $^{56}/_{100}$ the Barrell.

A Communication was also received from Rob^{t} Anderson a Baker on the same subject He recommended the establishment of an Assize regulating the weight and price of Bread, agreeably to former Ordinances of the Corporation

The said petitions having been read were laid on the Table to be taken up when the proposed Law was under Consideration.

A Complaint from a number of Inhabitants of a Slaughter House in Mercer St. between Spring and Prince St. was presented and referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of L Van Nostrand, Gideon Lee and E W. King Owners of Lots in Ferry [352] Street remonstrating against the Assessment for cleansing the private Sewer in Ferry Street. was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of John Morris, and one from W^{m} Messerve for Office of Weigher in Fulton Market was severally referred to the Market Committee.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Subpoena issuing out of the Court of Chancery at the suit of Stephen Whitney against the Mayor &c returnable on the 20th Inst. which had been served upon him, Whereupon it was Resolved that the Attorney of this Board be directed to appear and defend the suit

A Letter was also presented by the Mayor, from the Hon. Smith Thompson one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the U. States, stating that a very extraordinary attempt having been lately made to change the place of holding the Circuit Court of the United States from the City Hall to Tammany Hall he wished to enquire whether there every has been or now is any objections to the Court of the U. States, sitting in the City Hall—the same having been read. Alderman Ireland presented the [353] following Resolution

Resolved, that it be referred to a Special Committee of to enquire and report at the next meeting of this Board, whether the Common Council have at any time refused to accommodate the U. States with a room in this Hall, and whether as has been represented in several of the Daily prints, they have expelled the Clerk of said Court from this public building—Which Resolution was adopted and referred together with the Letter of Judge Thompson to the following Gentlemen who were appointed said Committee Alderman Ireland King Mann

A Petition from W^m M^cCready and Matthew Byrne Butchers in Catharine Market for permission to exchange Stalls N^o 32 and 36 with each other, was referred to the Market Committee

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of James Ten Eyck reported in his favour as follows

The Committee on Assessments, to whom the annexed petition of James Ten Eyck was referred, Report, That it appears to your Committee that the petitioner is an Artillerist and entitled [354] by Law to exemption from taxation on property to the amount of $500. That he was absent at the time the Books of the Assessors of the 8^th Ward for the year 1823, were closed, and therefore lost the opportunity of Correcting the Assessment upon him, which was $500

The following resolution is therefore recommended by your Committee.

Resolved, that the Collector of taxes of the 8^th Ward for the year 1823 be authorised to return the tax against James Ten Eyck, for that year, amounting to $3.50 in his list of Errors and Insolvencies

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Sam^l Cowdrey
Geo. Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Tho^s T Woodruff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for regulating Mercer Street reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Subject of regulating & paving Mercer St. from Bleecker St to Amity Street Report, that in their Opinion it is necessary and proper that, the said Mercer Street should be regulated and paved, and accordingly [355] submit the following resolution

Resolved, that Mercer Street be regulated and paved from Bleecker Street to Amity Street

Jacob B Taylor
Reuben Munson
(Signed) Sam[l] St John
Philip Hone
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Theodorus *Buckley* [Bailey] and Elbert Anderson for permission to put up an Iron railing, reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Theodorus Bailey and Elbert Anderson, for permission to erect an Iron railing in front of their building at the Corner of Chatham & Chamber Streets report. that in their Opinion, the request of the petitioners should be granted as no public inconvenience will result thereby and therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Reuben Munson
(Signed) Sam[l] St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[356] The Committee on Wharves, piers & Slips on the petition of Jacob Acker presented the following report

The Committee on Wharves piers & Slips Report on the annexed petition of Jacob Acker, praying to be compensated as the inventor of a Scale for the measurement of firewood, that it appears by the minutes of the Common Council, that M[r] Acker did as set forth in his petition—sometime in the year 1819 state to the Board, that he had invented a Scale for the more accurate measurement of firewood, that the subject was referred to a Committee of this Board who upon a careful examination of the Scale approved of it, and recommended in their Report which was adopted by the Common Council, that it be adopted, and that a Scale as the Standard be deposited in the Street Commissioner's Office to be known by the name of Acker's Scale, in addition to the foregoing they recommended that a Warrant be drawn in favour of M[r] Acker for $20 to be presented to him as a Compensation for his invention the warrant however was never reported, the

Committee are of Opinion that inasmuch as the Scale has stood the test of experience and its utility is acknowledged that a warrant ough[t] to be reported for the amount [357] recommended by the former Committee, they therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Comptroller at the next meeting of the Board report a warrant in favour of Jacob Acker for $20.

Geo. Zabriskie
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Asa Mann
Saml Cowdrey
Shivers Parker

A Motion to refer the report back to the Committee, and a motion to strike out the sum mentioned in the report for the purpose of inserting a larger sum were moved by Alderman Taylor and were lost. The Report of the Committee was then agreed to and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Saml Y Clark Collector of 8th Ward for further compensation reported against the petition as follows.

The finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Mr Clark the Collector of the 8th Ward. That the petitioner prays to be allowed the sum of twenty dollars, to remunerate him for that amount of Counterfeit money which he received as Collector. Your Committee however cannot but report it as their opinion, that no allowance should be made for Counterfeit money, [358] a public Officer or Collector, must assume the risk of Counterfeit money in his Collections

The petitioner likewise prays for additional compensation as collector for the year, 1824, beyond what is allowed for the last year— with respect to this request, your Committee think that the general tariff of allowances to Collectors may require alteration; but they are of Opinion, that such alteration, if requisite, can only be properly made in reference to the Collectors of all the Wards, and ought not to be made as to any One Ward.

Your Committee therefore report for the Consideration of the Board the following resolutions.

I Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

II Resolved that it be referred to the board of Supervisors to

report a tariff of the allowances which ought to be made, according to Law, to the collectors for the present years tax.

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Whereupon the report and Resolution were approved

The Finance Committee on the petition of Mary Richardson presented a report in her favour which was read and the consideration [359] thereof postponed

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company No 12

Thomas H Noble Lock Smith 14 Collect St.
Vice Edwd Kealy Resigned

Wm T Thompson Currier 62½ Frankfort St.
Vice John R Johnson Resigned

Fire Engine Company No 16

William Boyer Shoe Maker 231 Church St
Vice George Huyler Resigned

Christopher Fisher Sugar Refiner C Hester & Forsyth
Vice Findley Wright Resigned

Fire Engine Company No 25

Thomas S Underhill Accountant 300 Broome St.
Vice John Tyson Resigned.

Fire Engine Company No 30

Thomas Deacon Clerk Cor of Bancker & Clinton
Vice Paul Shapter Time Expired

[360] William Farrington Rope Maker Willet St
Vice Isaac Downing Resigned.

The Attorney presented the following report

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports, That the Schooner Fair play. Captain Pratt, was proceeded against for not reporting passengers; which however, the Captain has since done, and likewise has paid the costs

The Brig Minerva Capt. Gallis, is a like case.

The Schooner Leaf Capt Powell, is a like case.

The Attorney recommends the remission of the penalties, as usual in such cases

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the penalties were remitted agreeably to his recommendation.

He also presented for execution a Deed to the Merchants Exchange Company with the following Report.

The Attorney of the Board herewith presents to be executed, a Deed for a gore or piece of Land (lying on the northerly side of the extension of Garden Street) to the Merchants [361] Exchange Company for the consideration of $5.700

The petition of that Company for the purchase of this piece of Land, having been referred to the finance Committee, with powers; The Deed has been prepared pursuant to the directions of the Committee

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed.

He also reported that Deeds of Common Lands to Saml Van Norden & Jacob T Waldron had in April last been directed to be executed but that the parties had neglected to execute the Counterparts or to do anything in relation thereto

Whereupon the same was referred to the finance Committee with Authority to take such measures in the as they shall judge proper.

He also upon the reference to him of the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the Collector's Bonds presented the following Report, together with the Bond given by Noah Jarvis and a Bond given by Morris De Camp with their Surities.

The Attorney of the board, respectfully reports, on a communication from the Street Commissioner, respecting the bonds of the Collectors of Assessments, [362] which was referred to him

That in pursuance of the by-law on that subject, the bonds herewith presented were made out by the Subscriber, the amount of which, and the Sureties, have been approved by the Mayor and Finance Committee

The Bonds having been duly executed, it remains for the board to

accept the same, and to order their deposit in the Street Commissioners Office

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the bonds were accepted and directed to be filed in the Office of the Street Commissioner

The Attorney presented the following Report of Leases of Lands sold for Taxes.

The Attorney of the Board, herewith presents for execution, Six leases of lands and premises which were heretofore sold by Auction for non-payment of taxes, which have been made out pursuant to the request of the Street Commissioner, the said lands and premises not having been redeemed according to law, that is to say.

A Lease to Charles Lawton for five years from the 12th Augt, 1824. for a [363] House and two lots at Manhattanville in the 9th Ward, near land of Thomas Bulkley, Assessed as belonging to William Cullen —Sold for $16 18/100

A Lease to the same person for fourteen Years from same time of Nine lots at Harlaem, in 9th Ward, in Waldrons plot (so called) assessed as belonging to Vogel & Kemyon Sold for $13 80/100

A Lease to the same person for five years from same time of a Lot of Ten Acres at Bloomingdale in 9th Ward on Somarindyks farm, Assessed as belonging to J R Meyer sold for $20 85/100

A Lease to James Jenkins for twelve years from same time of a Lot on the West Side of Pitt Street, between Broome & Delancy Sts. in 10th Ward. Assessed as belonging to Henry Livingston Sold for $15 02/100

A Lease, to the same, for five years, from same time, of a House and lot in 9th Ward, on the North side of Charles Street, between Herring and Hudson Streets, Assessed as belonging to Thomas Blanch sold for $25 50/100

A Lease, to the same, for Eight years, from same time, of five Acres of land in 9th Ward at Bloomingdale known on Map of Common Lands as No 172, assessed as belonging to Thomas Winslow—Sold for $14 77/100

respectfully Submitted,

M. Ulshoeffer

[364] Whereupon the said Leases were directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed. Viz

For paving side walks in Harman St. between Market and Pike Streets and Abr[m] Dally, John Brow*n*[er] and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

For paving Mercer Street from Bleecker St to Amity Street and Cary Dunn Jun[r] Francis Peckwell and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed, Viz

For regulating and paving Canal St from Hudson to Greenwich St.

Also for Well and Pump in Rhynder Street near Broome St.

Also for regulating & paving Mott St. from Greenwich St to Canal St.

Also Abstracts from Commissioners reports of Assessment for Opening Mott St, Garden St, and Sloat Lane, Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in 11[th] Street with objections thereto [365] which were referred to the Committee of Assessments

Also an Abstract from the Commissioners Report of Assessment for Opening Thompson St. Fifth Avenue and Eighth Street Whereupon Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in each

The City. Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances, which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No	1	Wm Lawrence	Owner	Collect St	A Lot
	2	E A Bancker	do	Roosevelt St	"
	3	C D Colden	Executor	Park	"
	4	Geo. Lovet	Owner	Wooster St	"
	5	T Vanwinckle	do	Renwick St	"
	6	Thos L Ogden	do	Laurens St	"
	7	Bogart & Kneeland	do	Front St	"
	8	Mrs Fisher	do	Delancy St	"
	9	Mrs Marx	do	Amity St	"
	10	Robt Ferguson	do	Wooster St	"
	11	H A *Vender* [Vedder]	do	Cannon St	"

Geo Cuming
C[y] Insp[r]

The following Resolution was presented and Adopted—Resolved, that Bridges of flat [366] Stones be placed across such Streets in the first Ward as the Alderman and Assistant together with the Street Commissioner shall direct, and that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance for that purpose

Whereupon the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for laying Cross Walks or Stepping Stones in the first Ward in this City which was passed and John Targee, Benjamin Prince and James Bleecker were Appointed Assessors

Alderman Mann moved that the Report of the Watch Committee on the Appointment of a Captain of the City Watch, be called up, was agreed to—the same having been read it was moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment—the Question being taken thereon, it passed in the Negative.

Alderman Ireland. moved that the Board now take into consideration the Law respecting Bread, presented at the last Meeting which was agreed to—the Same was read, as also the communications on the Subject presented at this meeting [367] It was then moved that the subject be referred back to the same Committee—the Question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. The Law was then read by paragraphs and passed under the Title of a Law to regulate the Manufacture and Sale of Bread.

The Comptroller made the following report. Viz.

Balance as pr Acct 30th Augt	9.01	
Recd for Rents	1741.29	
" " Streets	1321.35	
" " Justices Courts	734.63	
" " Police Office	334.88	
" " Wells and Pumps	100.	
" " Fines &c of Sheriff	31.	
	4272.16	
Loan of J Fleming from Acct paid by Banks &c of Tax of 1823 without Interest	10.000.	
		14.272.16

27 Accounts Audited.

Henry Leek	Watch 1st Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark	" 2d "	666.75
[368] Bleakley & Brower	" 3d "	645.75
Robt Buloid Liquor for Indian Chiefs 14 Augt		9.38
Leonard Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 Inst		65.29
Peter Amerman Clerk 6 markets 1 Mo 1 Inst		49.50
Abrm Leggett Supers & Work Mud Machine to 12 Inst		121.31

Proprietor of American 6 mo Subscription 26th Augt.....	50.
Jacob Vincent Attorney for Giles Arty for Certificate of Sale of 2 Lots in 29th Street. redeemed.....	4.00
Francis Campbell Adminisr Estate of Wm Campbell, Amount paid by public Administrator.....	421.17
Wm Thorn for 15 Casks Oil bot of Job Coleman.....	308.75
J. Bailey repairing Intersections 6th & 10th Wards.....	8.83
G. Tucker repairing Culverts Canal St. Sewer.....	39.69
S Fargay repairing Intersections 10th Ward.....	318.95
Estate Thomᵉ Lovett by Geo. Lovett bal. on Sewer Grand St. prin & Int.....	418.35
[369] G. Tucker balance on Sewer Thompson St. Prin & Int	416.40
J. Bailey Acct. reg & pav Norfolk St from Broome to Stanton	250.
T Cummings Acct reg & pavᵉ Herring St fr Carmine to Chrisr	116.
H Smith, Acct. reg & pavᵉ Sheriff St from Broome to Stanton	100.
Geo. B. Smith Surveys for Sundry Streets & Wells & pumps	22.61
Sarah Elsworth by Jno Hinton princl & Int Canal St sewer	13.28
J. Gallagher Bal. Well in Henry St Between Market & pike	86.94
J. P. Roome Superᵉ repairs for repairᵉ piers & Bulkheads.	2712.23
J P Roome Superᵉ repairs for Lumber for fever Hospital..	842.68
J P Roome Supᵉ repairs for repairs.....	600.
A Burtis Supern Alms House for fence at City Burial Ground	2.500.
A Burtis Suprn Alms House for Alms House.....	2.500.

The Board Adjourned.

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 1824 TO JANUARY 3, 1825

[1] In Common Council. September 27th 1824

Present. The Hon. Wm Paulding Junr Mayor. President

	Aldermen.	Assistants.
1 Ward	Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
2 "	Elisha W King	Saml St John
3 "	Willm H Ireland	Philip Hone
4 "	Thaddeus Seymour	Saml Cowdrey
5 "		Willm Burtsell
6 "	Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
7 "	Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
8 "	Jacob B Taylor	Thomas T Woodruff
9 "		Alpheus Sherman
10 "	Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial of Du Puis de la Rue proposing to erect at the Battery a National Monument in honor of American worthies, accompanied with a Plan for said monument was presented and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

[2] A Petition of Joseph Spencer for Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Memorial from Manufacturers and Venders of Scales, Weights and Measures praying the appointment of an Additional Sealer of Weights & Measures was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Morris De Camp stating that he had completed after much trouble and difficulty the assessments formerly in the hands of John G Betts and praying Compensation therefor was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Gouverneur Market praying to have a new Market built or to have the Old one removed and repaired was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Peter Parks for permission to erect Iron railings in front of his buildings in Oliver St. was referred to the Street Committee.

[3] A petition that the part of Duane Street between Broadway & Hudson Street be repaved was referred to the Street Committee

A petition that a cross walk be laid from the south corner of

Chamber St across Chatham St. was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of 4th & 6th Wards.

A petition of sundry Inhabitants that James Slip be filled up and paved—and

A remonstrance against the same were referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

A petition of Bartholomew de Boyce for permission to let his Stoop in Hudson Street remain as it is, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Joseph Beams for Office of Capt of City Watch was read.

A petition of Joseph Green respecting a Building of his on a Lot S. W. Corner of Spring & West Streets was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John McChain for permission to remove several smoke houses from Spring St. near Crosby St to Crosby near prince St, was referred to the Alderman & Asst 8th Ward.

[4] A Communication from the Superintendant of the Penitentiary respecting improvements in the Prison was read and referred to the following Special Committee.

Aldermen Wyckoff, Taylor, Mann Messrs Sherman & Cowdrey.

A Petition of Nicholas Fish for a water Grant between 8th & 9th Streets on the East River—was referred to the Finance Committee.

His Honor the Mayor called the attention of the Board to the necessity of appointing the Inspectors of the ensuing election at least by the next regular meeting of the Board

A Communication was received from Joseph G Swift, Robert Adrian, & James Renwick Commissioners under the Act of 10th April 1823 stating that the intention of presenting the partial Report of the 30th August, in which they propose a general plan which shall require a minimum of cutting down eminances and filling up Hollows, was made for the purpose of giving information to the Corporation of the plan; that if objections were made to it, the Commissioners might alter it so as to meet the public Approbation the same being read it was laid on the [5] table to be taken into consideration on the coming in of the Report of the Street Committee on that subject.

The Street Committee, to whom had been referred the Report of the said Commissioners presented on the 30th August, presented a report which having been read it was moved by Alderman King that the further consideration be postponed—After some discussion it was carried in the affirmative,

Alderman King then moved that the Report of the Commissioners of 30th August and their communication this meeting together with the report of the Committee be printed for the use of the Members, on the subject of printing the question being taken it was carried in the affirmative Alderman Ireland calling a Division the Members Voted as follows.

Affirmative Mr Recorder Alderm Wyckoff. King. Seymour Parker. Munson Messrs Bolton, St John, Conover Cox. Sherman & Ostrander, 13,

Negative. Alderm Ireland, Mann & Taylor Messrs Cowdrey, Burtsell & Woodruff, 6

The Market Committee on the petition of George Levinis to transfer Stall No 15 Washington Market to Hugh Goble reported in favour of the same as follows.

[6] The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of George Leveniss Butcher for permission to transfer Stand No 15 Washington Market to Hugh Goble.

Report that Hugh Goble is well recommended as a suitable and proper person to hold a butchers Stand, and has served a regular apprenticeship to the trade—Your Committee would therefore recommend that permission be given, to transfer said Stand, and for that purpose beg leave to offer the following resolutions

Resolved, That George Leveniss on surrendering up his butchers license, be permitted to transfer Stand No 15 Washington Market to Hugh Goble.

Resolved, That Hugh Goble receive a License as a butcher for Stand No 15 Washington Market on the aforegoing resolution being carried into affect.

Respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Thom[s] T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to pave Washington Street from Beaver Lane to [7] Marketfield St. reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for pitching and paving Washington Street, from Beaver Lane to Marketfield Street, beg leave to report, that the part of Washington Street, in question is a very great thoroughfare, continually occupied

by loaded carts, and is in the vicinity of one of the Steam boat ferries, viz that to Elizabeth town, and New Brunswick, and in the Opinion of your Committee, it is highly expedient to pitch and pave the same, they therefore submit the following resolution.

Resolved that Washington Street be pitched and paved from Beaver Lane to Marketfield Street, and the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance in Conformity herewith

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Signed Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition to pave the side walks in Rhinder St. between Hester & Grand St. reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the annexed petition, for regulating and paving [8] the side walks of Rhynder Street, between Hester Street and Grand Street, having examined the situation thereof, find it necessary they should be paved, and ask leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the sidewalks of Rhynder Street between Hester and Grand Street be regulated and paved with Brick or flaggs and the Street Commissioner, be instructed to prepare an Ordinance in conformity. thereto.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to pave West Street from Barclay to Murray St. reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for regulating and paving West Street, from Barclay to Murray Street, ask leave to report, that they are fully convinced, of the expediency of pitching and paving, the part of West Street spoken of in the petition, as it is in the neighbourhood of several public Slips, on the margin of the Hudson river, and is the scene of a very extensive and increasing business, and its present state productive [9] of much inconvenience to those whose concerns lead them to pass through it, being after heavy rains nearly impassable

They ask leave to introduce the following resolution.

Resolved, that West Street be pitched and paved from Barclay Street to Murray Street, and the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance in Conformity thereto.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Saml St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Communication of the Attorney informing that the Supreme Court had confirmed the proceedings of the Commissioners of Assessments in relation to Mott Street, Thompson Street, 5th Avenue, 8th Street and Garden Street and Sloat Lane reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred a Communication from the Attorney of the Common Council, giving information, that the Supreme Court had confirmed the proceedings of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in relation to the opening of Mott Street, from Roosevelt's line to Bleecker Street—to the Opening of [10] Thompson Street, from Amity Lane to the 5th Avenue—to opening the 5th Avenue from its commencement to 13th Street—to opening 8th Street from the Bowery to the 6th Avenue—and to opening Garden Street and Slote Lane from William Street to Pearl Street.

Respectfully Report, that in their Opinion it will be expedient to carry the above mentioned improvements into effect, at the times hereinafter specified, viz.

Mott Street to be opened from Roosevelt's line to Bleecker Street, on the 15th October next,

Thompson Street from Amity Lane to Art Street to be opened on the 1st November next

Fifth Avenue from its commencement at Art Street to 13th Street, on the 1st November next,

Eighth Street from the Bowery to the 6th Avenue to be opened on the 1st May 1825.

Garden Street, and Slote Lane from William Street to Pearl Street to be opened on the 1st October next, and the owners of the buildings to be removed, to be allowed thirty days from the said first of October next to take down and entirely remove the same from the Street, they therefore propose the following resolution

Resolved, the Street Commissioner be directed to take all necessary measures in relation to the Opening of the above mentioned [11] Streets and Avenues in conformity with this report.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted,

The Street Committee on the petition for Opening First Street, from the first Avenue to North Street reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Reuben Withers, Cornelius Dubois, Augustus Wynkoop, and sundry other persons, inhabitants and proprietors of lots of land situate on First Street and its vicinity, praying the Corporation of the City of New York to cause the necessary measures to be taken to open First Street, from the first Avenue to North Street, Respectfully ask leave to Report, that the objections which have heretofore presented themselves against the Opening of the Street in question viz the Ropewalks, which crossed first Street between the First Avenue and Avenue A, having been removed by the destruction of the aforesaid Ropewalks, at the late Fire, no good reason at present exists why the opening of the Street should [12] be any longer delayed, as by such opening a more ready communication, with the East River will be made for those persons, who reside on First Street and its vicinity between the Bowery and the First Avenue, and for that purpose, they beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved the Counsel to this Board be instructed to take the necessary measures for an application to the Supreme Court of the State of New York for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and Assessment, to open First Street from the First Avenue to North Street.

Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving Willett Street, from Grand to Stanton Street, reported in favour of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for pitching and paving Willett Street from Grand to Stanton Street, ask leave to report, that much inconvenience is experienced by the persons who reside in the dwellings fronting on that Street, [13] in consequence of their being at present, no means of taking off the water from the surface of the Street, and as that part of the City is in a very rapid state of improvement and, new buildings continually erected, it appears but reasonable in the estimation of your Committee, that the persons residing in the neighbourhood, should be afforded every facility for keeping the Street in a dry and cleanly condition which can only be done by having the Street permanently regulated and paved, and therefore submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that Willet Street from Grand to Stanton Street be pitched and paved and the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance agreeably to this Resolution.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Saml St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Charles Shepard & Co to erect a shed on Broadway on their premises reported against the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Charles Shepard & Co desiring permission to erect a shed in Broadway in front of the premises at present Occupied by them beg [14] leave to report, that in their Opinion, all such projections into the Streets of this City can only be viewed in the light of encumbrances and obstructions, and therefore should not be sanctioned by any act of the Corporation, they desire therefore to Offer the following resolution

Resolved, it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Saml St John

Whereupon the same was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Edwin T Byrne for permission to Sell at Auction in the Street at Catharine Market reported against the same as follows, viz.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Edward Byrnes, setting forth that he had commenced the business of an Auctioneer at N° 4 Catharine Slip, and requesting permission to sell at public Auction, in the Street in front of the Store he occupies—ask leave to Report that the Store occupied by the petitioner is situated on the south westerly side of Catharine Slip, being that which leads directly to the ferry at the head [15] of the Slip—If the privelege asked for by the petitioner, was granted, assemblages of persons in the Street would be the consequence, and very serious obstructions, arise to those persons, whose business daily nay hourly requires their passage across the river at this ferry, and much public inconvenience ensue—for the reasons above mentioned your Committee are compelled to submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner is inexpedient and ought not to be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Whereupon the same was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving the Square at Division Street, reported against the same, as follows,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition, to have the gutters at the Intersection of Division and Pump Streets altered, and a Cross walk laid, report, that they have viewed the premises, and are of the Opinion that it is inexpedient to make the alteration suggested by the petitioners, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following [16] resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted,

The Street Committee on the petition to have the side walks in Collect Street raised, reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition to have the side walks of Collect Street raised—report, that in their Opinion it is inexpedient to grant their request, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for opening Second Street reported against the same as follows.

[17] The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons to have Second Street Opened from the Bowery to the East river, report that it is inexpedient to open that Street at the present, inasmuch as, that if opened it cannot be regulated so as to be used as a thoroughfare until the permanent regulation of that section of the City (now in the hands of the Commissioners for that purpose) is completed and confirmed—they therefore submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Assessment for a Well and Pump in 11[th] Street near the Bowery reported in favour of confirming the Assessment as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom the annexed petitions, praying for relief against the within Assessment for a Well and pump in 11[th] Street near the Bowery, was referred—Report, That on an Interview between the petitioners, and the Assessors, the former became satisfied, that the assessment was correct, and that their objections were founded in a [18] misapprehension of the manner in which the same had been imposed

The Committee therefore recommend that the Assessment be confirmed

respectfully Submitted
Sam[l] Cowdrey
(Signed) Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
Tho[s] T. Woodruff

Whereupon the Assessment was confirmed and Morris D^e^ Camp appointed Collector.

The Committee on Assessments on the Remonstrance against the Assessment for Drain in Ferry and Jacob Streets reported against the petition as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom the annexed petition, against the Assessment for cleansing and repairing the Drain in Ferry and Jacob Streets was referred, report, That the Drain in question is Considered by the Petitioners as productive of more injury and inconvenience, than would exist without it, provided there were no Cellars in the Neighbourhood, If this be so, and the Convenience of Cellars, and other excavations is not essential, the parties Concerned have only to make their wishes known to this Board, and unquestionably they will be relieved from the expence & vexation [19] of the Drain which is now constantly liable to be out of repair and to require frequent examination and cleansing—But at present the Drain is necessary, and therefore must be a Common burthen, on those who are, or must be considered, as benefitted by it.

The Petitioners allege also, that they are not aware of any Notice having been given in the News papers of this Assessment. But on Inquiry it appears that the usual Notice was published, before the assessment was Confirmed. The manner however in which the advertisement was published in this Instance, and in which Notices of Assessments frequently are published, is such, as to afford cause of very serious Complaint to those who are concerned. The manner is, for several assessments to be thrown together under one head, and forming one advertisement, which not only may mislead an Ordinary reader, or fail of giving him the intended information, but in this very Case did mislead one of the petitioners

On this branch of the subject, Your Committee have had an interview with the Street Commissioner and he states that the business in his Office is so multifarious and pressing as to require this Compendious mode. But he has promised to rectify it, as far as shall be possible—and he added, that he should derive very important aid from the Printers employed by the Corporation, if they would consent to Copy from each other, But that [20] now he is under the necessity of sending to each an Office Copy of every advertisement, with the exception indeed, of one of the Printers, who is willing to Copy from the others.

The Assessment having been made for an object within the Powers of this Board, having also been advertised as before mentioned, and

having been regularly Confirmed, It follows that the Common Council have no power of redressing the petitioners, and that if they are entitled to relief, it must be had from another source, The Committee therefore recommend, That the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

respectfully Submitted
Sam[l] Cowdrey
(Signed) Stephen Conover
Henry J Wyckoff
Tho[s] T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Petitioners had leave to withdraw their Petition.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of W[m] DePew for remission of Tax reported against petitioner as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom the annexed petition of William Depew, praying for relief against the Tax of $4.80 on a Shop and Lot in Dominick Street, assessed against him, was referred —report, That it [21] appears on Inquiry, that the premises, in question, belong to the Corporation of Trinity Church, and that the Petitioner is only the Lessee of the same, and that he has covenanted with the Lessors to pay the taxes of the said premises, and it does not appear to the Committee, but that the premises are together with the personal Estate of the petitioner, worth the sum at which they have been rated, so as to leave the real Estate subject to the above tax of $4.80 after deducting $500 the sum for which the petitioner is exempt from taxation, as one of the New York State Artillery.

The Committee are therefore of Opinion, that on the first ground the petitioner is not entitled to relief, as the property is not his own, within the provision of the Law in favour of Artillerists—and on the second, that the Assessors may have rated the said premises, and the personal Estate of the petitioner together, so low, as in effect to allow him the exemption which he claims

The Committee therefore recommend that the Prayer of the Petition be rejected.

respectfully Submitted
Sam[l] Cowdrey
Stephen Conover
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Thomas T Woodruff

Whereupon Petitioner had leave to withdraw his petition.

[22] The Committee on Public Offices on the Resolution respecting the Clock at Greenwich reported as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred a Resolution proposing to instruct the person employed by the Common Council to regulate the public Clocks to include the Clock of the Reformed Dutch Church at Greenwich—Report that by the first section of the Ordinance in relation to Salaries &c page 120. It is ordained as follows. "To the person or persons employed for regulating Clocks, two hundred Dollars" By this language your Committee are of opinion that all Church Clocks in the City are within the meaning of the section, and that it is consequently the bounden duty of the person holding the appointment to regulate the Clock of the Church at Greenwich.

Your Committee therefore Offer for consideration the following resolution viz

Resolved, that the person employed by the Common Council to regulate Clocks, be instructed to regulate the Clock of the reformed Dutch Church at Greenwich, as being within the scope of his duties under the said Appointment

(Signed) E. W. King
Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] Cowdrey
Sam[l] St. John
Jameson Cox

[23] Which was approved and resolution adopted.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies.

Hook & Ladder Company N° 4

John Davison—Cooper—178 Division St.
Vice Josiah Woodruff—resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 1

Joseph Christopher—Smith—30 Thomas St.
Vice John Kidd—resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Charles Taylor—Chair Maker—30 Chrystie St.
Vice Alfred W Shadbolt—Resigned,
John Carr—House Carpenter—74 Harman St.
Vice Silvanus Lewis—Resigned,

Fire Engine Company N° 8

George W Stimus—Carpenter—125 Chrystie St.
Vice William Briscoe—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 11

John McNiesh—Watch Maker—Water St.
Vice John Thompson—Resigned
Robert A. Bailee—Printer—Water St.
Vice Hugh McGinnis—Time Expired

[24] Fire Engine Company N° 16

George Lanckenau—Cartman—177 Mott St.
Vice Henry Smith—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 20

Finley Wright—Carpenter—20 Cedar St.
Vice Thomas Tompson—Resigned
Peter Graham—Cabinet maker < Harman & Greenwich
Vice William Cooper—Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 24

Charles Feney—Cabinet maker—Pearl St.
Vice Paoli Young—Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 34

Samuel Bloomer—Mason—Fort Gansevoort
Vice Abraham Phillips—Resigned
Harman Lydacker—Milk man—Bedford St.
Vice Jacob Shute—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 36

Morris Hatfield—Cabinet maker 49 Sullivan
Vice Alexander Allaire—Resigned

[25] Fire Engine Company N° 37

Edward Scott—Shoemaker—37 Howard St.
Vice Henry H Gillett—Resigned
William K Shaw—Perfumer—35 Essex St.
Vice Isaac H Smith—Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented the following return of Delinquents on sundry assessments

The Street Commissioner herewith Covers the return of delin-

quents on sundry assessments in Order that Warrants may issue to Morris De Camp the Collector, viz

For repaving Beekman Street from Cliff Street to Pearl Street

For pitching and paving Norfolk Street from Broome to Stanton Street

For repaving Pearl Street between Fulton St. and Peck Slip

For repaving Water Street, between Fulton St. and Peck Slip.

Also for pitching and paving Columbia St. from Rivington to Stanton Street

respectfully Submitted

R Graves
St. Commissioner

Whereupon Warrants were Order'd to Issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same

[26] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed.

For regulating & paving the side walks of Rhynder Street from Hester to Grand Street and Francis Peckwell, Cary Dunn Jun^{r} and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

For pitching and paving Willett Street from Grand to Stanton Street and Abraham Dally, John Brower and John Targee were appointed Assessors.

For pitching and paving West Street from Barclay to Murray Street and John Salisbury Cary Dunn Jun^{r} and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

For pitching and paving Washington Street from Beaver Lane to Marketfield Street and James Bleecker, John Brower and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an assessment for a Well and Pump in Henry near Grand Street, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The City Inspector on a reference to him of a complaint against Slaughter Houses in Mercer Street presented a Report which was referred to the Attorney.

[27] The City Inspector presented the following Report respecting Sunken Lots between Downing and Hammersley Streets

The City Inspector respectfully reports that an unclaimed portion of ground lying between Downing and Hammersley Streets, near Varick Street, is covered with Water, Trinity Church, and M^{r} Astor, owning the property on each side, have been ineffectually Ordi-

nanced to fill it in with Earth. It is respectfully recommended that the nuisance be corrected at the public Expence, for the purpose of which he hereby presents an Ordinance, as there can be little doubt that either of the adjoining parties will, willingly, repay the charges incurred

Respectfully Submitted
George Cuming Cy Inspr

Which was approved and the Ordinance presented was passed

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, viz

No						
	1	Jno J. Astor	Owner		Downing & Hammersley	A Lot
	2	Trinity Church	"		Hamersley St.	"
	3	Abijah Pell	"		Arden St	"
	4	Ditto	"		Commerce St	"
	5	George Vaughn	"		Greenwich St.	"
	6	Ts Storm	"		South St	"
	7	H Vicker	"		Allen St	"
	8	[28] W & G Post	"		Elizabeth St	"
	9	H. Astor	"		Ditto	"
	10	Dl Wynship	"		Chrystie St	"
	11	James Roosevelt	"		James St	"
	12	Isaac Rhodes	"		Rivington St	"
	13	Richd Jennings	"	218	Chrystie St	"
	14	Jno Groff	"	220	"	"
	15	Barthw Granger	"	160	Elizabeth St	"
	16	Mrs Jenkins	"	121	Mott St	"
	17	Geo. Gardner	"	16	Orange St	"
	18	W & G Post	"		Mott St	"
	19	L Harpel	"		do	"
	20	Geo. G Messerve	"		Allen & Rivington	"
	21	Jno J Astor	"		Lombardy St	"
	22	G. Chichester	"		Greenwich St	"
	23	Jno R Livingston	"		Mott St	"
	24	Wm Kean	"		Watts St	"
	25	Wm Jones	"		"	"
	26	Asa Holden	"		"	"
	27	Jno Fleming	"		"	"
	28	Widow *Mallibury* [Mallaby]	"		"	"
	29	Jas A Hamilton	"		"	"
	30	J. W. Heyler	"		"	"
	31	Abm Verb[r]yck	"		"	"
	32	R. J Westervelt	"		"	"
	33	B. A Romaine	"		"	"
	34	N Sunburgue	"		"	"

35	Miss M Gouverneur	Owner	Allen & Broome	A Lot
36	Jacob Barker	"	Rivington St	"
37	[29] Wm Bayard	"	Orange St	"
38	Jno Wymbs	"	Catharine Lane	"
39	Jno Beekman	"	Bancker St	"
40	H. Rutgers	"	Oliver St.	"

George Cuming City Inspector

On motion of the Recorder—Resolved that a Warrant be issued for the sum of One thousand dollars in favour of the Committee Appointed by this Board to provide for the reception and entertainment of the Marquis De La Fayette by the City of New York

On motion of Alderman Parker, Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs under the direction of the Market Committee erect a Shed over the Aisle or passage way of the Fulton Market between the Main and Country Markets for the accommodation of the Fishermen.

Alderman Mann presented the following

Resolved, that the Carriageways of the public Streets in this City after they shall have been repaved or Newpaved at the expence of the Individual Owners of the Lots on Streets so to be repaved or paved shall be kept in repair at the Expence of this Corporation—Whereupon the Same was referred to the Street Committee.

[30] The following was presented by Alderman Wyckoff & adopted Whereas great inconvenience is experienced by persons walking in the business parts of this City in passing each other on the Side walks—Therefore Resolved, that it be earnestly recommended to all persons passing the Streets upon the Side Walks in this City to take the right hand Side.

Alderman Seymour presented the following which was adopted, Resolved, that the Clerk of this Common Council cause to be printed blank permits for persons to visit the Stepping Mill for the Convenience of those who have power to grant them,

On motion of Alderman Mann the Board proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the Station of Captain of the City Watch first District in place of Captain Walton resigned—when on Counting the Ballots Azel Conklin had ten votes which being a majority of the Votes he was declared duly elected.

The Report on the Orphan Asylum & on the petition of Genl Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen were made the Order of the day for the next meeting of the Board.

[31] The Comptroller made the following Report.

Balance as per Acct. 13th Inst	$170.55	
Recd for Streets	4.308.65	
" Rents	2.361.22	
" Tavern Licenses	320.	
" Commutation Alien passengers	180.	
" Mayoralty fees	70.50	
	$7.410.92	
Loan of J Fleming from Amt paid by Banks &c of Tax of 1823, without Interest	5.000.	
Loan of Mechanics Bank, authorised 2d February last	5.300.	17.710.92

55 Accounts Audited.

Henry Leek, Watch 1 District	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d do	645.75
Wm S Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qr Salary 22d Inst & Expenses	260.
Obadiah Ayres Asst City Inspector 1 Mo 1 Octor	45.50
John Coffin " " do 1 " 1 "	45.50
Astin & Higbie Messengers	52.
O Jaques, St. Inspecr 1 Ward 1 Month 1 Octor	30.
P Wright do 2d " do do	30.
T Jeroleman do 3d " do do	30.
N, B, Lyon do 4th " do do	30.
A. Ackerman do 5th " do do	30.
W. Kerr do 6th " do do	30.
B Fuller do 7th " do do	30.
[32] S. Hutchings do 8th " do do	30.
D. Hubbard do 10 " " "	30.
Jacob Acker Inventor of a Scale for measurement of Firewood	20.
Edward Hitchcock 50 Loads Manure for Park 21 April	20.
John Merserole work at the Park	14.50
B Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Octor	45.50
J. Pinckney do do " "	45.50
G. Snethen Lighting Lamps " "	612.24
G Snethen Supern Lamps 1 Qr Salary "	137.50
R. Munson for 30 Casks Oil bot of Job Coleman	558.03
R. Provoost repairing Lamps 1 Mo 1 Oct	67.70
John Dunn & Sons repairing Lamps 10 July 22 Septr	51.21
Abrm Leggett Superss & Work Mud Machine to 26 Inst	144.84
Mercantile Advertiser 6 Mo Subscripn 1 Augt &c	52.
M Ulshoeffer Counselfees & Court Charges opens Mott St.	136.89
Thos R Smith & Associates Commissrs fees & Expenses Opening Mott Street	122.50

M. Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Opens 8th Street	209.73	
J Targee & Associates Commisrs fees & Expenses " do	324.54	
M. Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Opens Thompson St	129.39	
Abrm Bloodgood & Associates Commisrs fees & Expenses do	192.61	
M. Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Opens 5 Avenue	317.	
J. Salisbury & Associates Commrs fees & Expences do	372.50	
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Opens Garden St	246.45	
L. Catlin & Associates Commisrs fees & Expenses do	518.	
H Smith, Acct. reg. & pav Sheriff St. from Broome to Stanton St	900.	
[33] J Bailey, Acct. reg & pav Norfolk St. from Broome to Stanton	740.	
G Tucker, balance on Sewer Maiden Lane	312.69	
N Jarvis Corporn Assesst paving Watts & Canal Sts	25.80	
J Mehan repairing Intersections 5 Ward	124.40	
C Mooney do do do	24.95	
H. Smith do do. 2d & 3d do	8.98	
R. Pettigrew 1st pay Well Harman near pike St	85.25	
W. Westerfield & G. Tucker 3d paymt Mason Work Fever Hospital	2500.	
J. Lucas 4th paymt Carpenters Work fever Hospital	1000.	
R. Ayres removing Earth on the Battery	68.25	
R Graves. St Commisr for Repairs Roads	800.	
J. P Roome Supt Repairs for Fire Department	738.	
J. P Roome ditto " Repairs	400.	
J P Roome ditto " Pump Department	226.	
J P Roome ditto " Markets	100.	
A Burtis Supert Alms House	2500.	
		9.654.32
Balance Dollars		18.72

The Board adjourned.

[34] In Common Council October 11th 1824.

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen			Assistants		
1	Ward.	Henry J Wyckoff	1	Ward	
2	"		2	"	Saml St John
3	"	Wm H Ireland	3	"	Philip Hone
4	"	Thaddeus Seymour	4	"	Saml Cowdrey
5	"	George Zabriskie	5	"	William Burtsell
6	"	Shivers Parker	6	"	Stephen Conover
7	"	Asa Mann	7	"	Jameson Cox
8	"	Jacob B Taylor	8	"	Thomas T Woodruff
9	"	Geo. S Doughty	9	"	Alpheus Sherman
10	"	Reuben Munson	10	"	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A petition for a Well and Pump in Canal St. near Varick Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

[35] A Petition of William Love to Lease from Corporation Lots No 25 & 26 Common Lands was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of William Shaw and James Sadgebury for further time to pay Assessment on Thompson St. was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Letter from David S Bogert was received stating he had received from the Street Commissioner a letter dated 29th Ultimo informing that Buildings now on the Lot No 30 William St were to be removed, and by the first of November next adding that he abandoned to the Corporation the said Buildings and would call for the amount of damages assessed to him by the Commissioners for Opening Garden Street and Sloat Lane

Also A petition from William A Davis Lessee of Lot No 30 William Street complaining of being ordered to remove House on Said Lot for Opening of Garden St. and requesting postponement of same, was referred to the Counsel to report.

A Memorial of Jacobus Dyckman & others of the 9th Ward praying that the Bridge, called the Free Bridge across Harlem River from New York Island to Westchester may be repaired without delay as the same is now in a dangerous situation to passengers were read and referred to the Road Committee.

[36] A Petition of James Rikeman to be appointed to the Office of Guager of the City was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Thomas Mead for Office of Street Inspector was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Reuben Bunker for Office of City Weigher, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition that the Engine House situated at Market Slip be removed, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Bancker Street near Birmingham Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 7th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Gulian Ludlow Attorney of James Rogers, stating that Edward Rogers deceased a Seaman of the United States Sloop of war Peacock was entitled to Prize money and wages which have been received by the Public Administrator and paid over by him to the City Treasury—that Petitioner is Attorney of James Rogers the [37] father of said Edward Rogers, his only next of kind and praying the same may be paid over to him—which being read was referred to Finance Committee.

A Petition of Ezekiel Miles for Office of City Weigher, was referred to the Committee on Application for Office.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that Fitz-roy road may be repaved, was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition that West Street from Duane Slip to Murray St. be regulated and paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Nicholas W. Stuyvesant, for a Water Grant in front of his premises from 9th to 10th Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Joseph Ives and Joseph Birge on subject of their plan of improved privies and praying an Ordinance may be passed prohibiting the use of any other than the plan proposed by them was referred to the City Inspector.

A Memorial of Francis Campbell respecting Money belonging to his Brother's Estate was referred to the Finance Committee,

[38] A Request of the Treasurer of the Free School Society for payment of the Sum of $1500 granted to them by the Legislature was referred to the Finance Committee

A Complaint of Sundry Inhabitants against the practice of Carman feeding their Horses in front of Individual Houses, was referred to the Mayor.

An Invitation from the Trustees of the Free School Society to attend the Annual examination of the several Schools belonging to the Free School Society—was read and accepted.

The Finance Committee on Petition of John G Tibbits for return of parts of Assessments for Well and pump corner of North and Anthony Sts. reported as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of John G Tibbets, that the petitioner having redeemed certain property heretofore sold for an assessment (situate on Attorney Street between Stanton and North Streets) now prays to have the sum of forty two dollars returned to him of the monies so paid by him, being for expences of the proceedings not actually incurred by the Board— Your Committee have always recommended the return [39] of that part of the expences in such cases, which were not actually incurred; and the Board has uniformly remitted the amount—under such circumstances, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a warrant for forty two Dollars in favour of John G Tibbets for the above purpose

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
William H Ireland

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of Nicholas Fish for a Water Grant reported in his favor as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Nicholas Fish Esq^{r} for a Water grant on the East river between 8th & 9th Streets.

Your Committee can see no reason against granting the prayer of the petitioner, on the usual terms and conditions, They therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, that upon Col. Fish's procuring the usual Maps, the Counsel be directed to prepare the necessary grant, at rates, (in proportion to the extent of the premises) similar to those prescribed in the Case of M^{r} Hall recently directed by the Board, and upon the Usual terms, covenants and Conditions [40] *and Conditions*

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of John W Wyman respecting his account reported against his petition as follows.

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed communication of John W Wyman, Esq^{r} respecting an account of his; heretofore reported upon by this Committee—Your Committee are of Opinion that this Board ought not to recede from their former resolutions on this subject, and they therefore submit the following resolution for the Consideration of the Board.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to take any further order respecting the subject mentioned in this report

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) W^{m} Burtsell
Henry J Wyckoff
W^{m} H Ireland.

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

[41] The Alderman & Assistants of the 8th & 9th Ward on the Memorial complaining of the Distillery of Mess^{rs} Taylor & Richards presented the following report, rescinding the permission heretofore given to convey water from the Distillery into the Minetto Sewer as follows,

The Alderman & Assistants of the 8th & 9th Wards to whom was referred the memorial of persons residing at and near the Minnetto Sewer, remonstrating against the casting the Wash & filth from the distillery of Mess^{rs} Taylor & Richards into that sewer respectfully report, that Shortly after the subject was referred to them, they examined into and fully investigated it, and were satisfied the complaint was well founded,

But as the Owners of that Establishment were disposed to remedy the evil, and of which they seemed to have no doubt they should be able to accomplish—your Committee were disposed to give them an opportunity to make the trial—after a Considerable lapse of time, and a variety of measures adopted by them—the Evil is found Still to exist—and as in the Opinion of your Committee nothing short of an entire prohibition from casting the wash from the distillery into the Sewer can remedy the evil complained of they are induced to recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, that the permission heretofore given to Mess^{rs} Taylor & Richards to cast or convey the [42] Wash from their distillery at Greenwich Village into the Minetto Sewer, be rescinded from and After the 1st Decem^{r} Next.

Resolved that the Clerk to this Board furnish Messrs Taylor & Richards with a Copy of the foregoing resolution.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Thomas T Woodruff
Alpheus Sherman

Whereupon the Report was approved & the resolutions adopted.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner upon the Petition for a Well & Pump near the Intersection of Elizabeth & Spring Streets, reported in favour of the Same as follows,

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eight Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Sundry Owners of property on Elizabeth & Spring Sts. praying that a Well may be dug and a pump placed therein near the Intersection of those Streets—report—that in their opinion the requests of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Thomas T Woodruff.
R Graves, St Commr

[43] The Canal Committee on the petition of William Leek for permission to Construct a Drain from his Tannery near Spring Street reported against the petitioner as follows,

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the petition of Wm Leek for permission, to erect a Brick drain from his Tannery in Worster St near Spring Street, to intersect with the Suer in Grand St. report that they have had the Subject before them, and on examination find that the water to be run off by this drain principally is the water his Hides are soaked in for the purpose of taking off the Hair and consequently must be very filthy and that in addition to the present filth now running in from private drains would tend to fill up the Suer, and add to the unpleasant effluvia arising out of the Openings in the Suer.

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Thomas T Woodruff
Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
T Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted,

The Committee on Lands and Places to whom was referred the resolution requesting them to Select a suitable place for a Pottersfield presented a [44] Report recommending the piece of ground at the Intersection of the Bloomingdale and Old Kingsbridge Road—which being read was laid for consideration

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Hook & Ladder Company N° 2.

Edgar Ryker—Coach Maker—46 Lespinard St.
Vice Charles Wall—Resigned.

Jacob B Doty—Grocer—12 Vandewater St
Vice Peter Cochrane—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 4.

Francis A Johnson—Accomptant—33 Ann St—
Vice Frederick M^cReady—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 6.

Caleb C Tompkins—Carpenter—62 Thomson St.
Vice William J Child—Resigned

William Breslen—Carpenter—Sullivan nr Grand
Vice Edward Marriner—Resigned

[45] Fire Engine Company N° 25

Munson S Peet—Merchant—243 Greenwich St.—
Vice Francis A Johnson—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 28

James Foster—Stone Cutter—Washington St.
Vice William N Parcells—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 30

Andrew H. Eddey—Shoe Maker—83 Allen St.
Vice James Eddey—Resigned

John Owens—Grate Maker—524 Pearl St.
Vice Will^m C Fisher—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 34

Peter P Wendover—Druggist—Greenwich St.
Vice William Wilson—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 36

George Buckingham—Carpenter—232 Hudson St.
Vice Rich^d Moore—Resigned

[46] The Attorney presented the following Report respecting Thomas Gibson who had commenced building a Vault without permission having been obtained therefor

The Attorney respectfully reports to the Board, that Thomas Gibson, of the firm of Gibson & Davis, was written to for commencing the building of a Vault at the Corner of Chapel & Murray Streets, without permission; That since that time permission has been granted in the usual manner, and the usual amount paid therefor to the Chamberlain. and that Mr Gibson has paid the Costs.

The Attorney has no doubt that this omission on the part of Mr Gibson, whereby he has incurred a penalty of $100 was unintentional, and he therefore recommends a remission of the same.

respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the penalty was remitted.

The following resolution was presented respecting Opening First Street in the Tenth Ward from the First Avenue to North Street

Resolved, That it is desireable for the public Convenience to Open First Street in the Tenth Ward from the First Avenue to North Street; (the said First Street being a Street laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, under and by virtue [47] of the Act entitled "An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes" passed April 3rd 1807); and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done; and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court, at its ensuing October Term, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature in said Case made & provided.

Whereupon the same was adopted.

The Attorney thereupon presented a Petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners for the Opening of First Street in the Tenth Ward from the first Avenue to North Street which was directed to be duly Authenticated.

The Attorney also presented a Report upon the Communication of the City Inspector referred to him in relation to Slaughter Houses— which having been read was laid for Consideration.

He also presented the draught of a Lease to Rathbone, Fitch &

Roorback for Castle Clinton which was referred to the Committee on Lands & plases,

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed, Viz,

[48] An Assessment for repaving Chatham Street from Broadway to Tryon Row

Also an Assessment for a Well & pump in Canal St. near Hudson St and N Jarvis *and N. Jarvis* was appointed Collector in each.

Also an Assessment for a Well & pump in Harman Street near Pike Street

Also for a Well and pump in Lombardy St near Pike Street, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in each.

Also an Ordinance for Well & pump in Elizabeth Street near Spring Street which was passed and Francis Peckwell, John Brower and Abr^{m} Dally were appointed Assessors.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for paving Sheriff St. and a Warrant was directed to issue to Collect the same

He also presented a Communication recommending that the Deeds of Cession of Streets to the Corporation should be recorded in the Register's Office which was referred to the Committee on Laws

He also presented the following report, stating the necessity of repairing the Pavement around the City Hall

The Street Commissioner begs leave to suggest the propriety of repairing the flagging of the Area in front of this Hall and also the pavement in the rear, both of which are sunken, so as to render the approach to the Building [49] difficult and unpleasant particularly in wet weather and during the winter Season.

If it should be deemed advisable that such repairs should be made this season, the Street Commissioner would recommend that directions be given to have it attended to without delay.

All which is respectfully submitted

R. Graves St. Comm^{r}

Whereupon he was directed to cause said repairs to be immediately made.

The City Inspector presented Ordinance[s] for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, Viz

No 1	Rt Dickenson	Owner	Laurens St.	A Lot.
2	Wm T Lawrence	do	Ditto	"
3	J Wigham	do	Grand & Laurens	"
4	Abrm Stagg	do	146 Harman St	"
5	Ar L Stewart	do	Hubert St.	"
6	Ditto	do	Sullivan	"
7	Wm Niblo	do	William St.	A Privy

G. Cuming
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The Recorder from the Committee of arrangements for the reception and Entertainment of the Marquis De La Lafayette presented the following Resolutions of thanks which were unanimously adopted.

[50] Resolved, that the Corporation of the City of New York acting in behalf of themselves and their fellow Citizens, tender to the proprietors of several Steam Boats*, which were engaged in conducting the Marquis La Fayette to this City, upon his arrival from France—and to the Captains and Crews—public thanks, for the very sp[l]endid manner in which they enabled the municipal authorities to receive our Illustrious Visitor

Resolved, That the thanks of the City of New York, be communicated to Capt Rodgers of the Navy—and to Major Smith of the Marine Corps—their Officers and Men for the share which they took in the reception of the Marquis La Fayette.

Resolved, That the special thanks of the Corporation of the City of New York, be presented to the North River Steam Boat Company, for the highly liberal manner in which they placed at the disposal of the Corporation, the boats of that Company, for the reception of the Marquis La Fayette—and that the Corporation of the City of New York, in behalf of the City, take a particular pleasure in acknowledging, publickly, the continued acts of service rendered by that Company, at great inconvenience and Expence, to promote the wishes of the Common Council in relation to their distinguished Guest, and they hope that services thus liberal, gratuitous, and patriotic, will be duly appreciated by an [51] Enlightened Community.

* Boats which Volunteered in the Escort to convey Genl La Fayette to the City.

The	Chancellor Livingston	Capt	Center
"	Connecticut	"	Buncker
"	Oliver Elsworth	"	Havens
"	Nautilus	"	De Forest
"	Bellona	"	Jenkins
"	Steam Ship Robert Fulton	"	Chase

Resolved That the thanks of this Board be given to Charles Rhinde Esq[r] the Agent of the North River Steam Boat Company for his Constant, unremitted, and efficient efforts, to give the finest and most imposing effect to the munificent and public spirited appropriation of the Boats for the honorable purpose to which they were applied.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be presented to the Captains and Crews of the North River Steam Boat Company, for their uniform hospitality, Kindness, and attention.

Resolved, that the Resolutions passed by the different Insurance Offices of this City "That the detention at Staten Island of the Vessel "in which the Marquis La Fayette might arrive (if found necessary "by the Corporation) should in no wise affect the Insurance" was in a spirit of liberality and disinterestedness, highly honorable to them, and entitles them to the thanks of this Common Council.

Resolved. That Major Gen[l] Morton be requested to return to the Troops on duty, at the reception of the Marquis De La Fayette, the thanks of this Board, for the promptness with which their services were rendered in honor of one of Our most beloved and distinguished Veterans of the Revolution,

Resolved That the preceding resolutions be [52] entered upon the records of the Common Council that the Clerk of this Board communicate Copies of the respective resolutions to the respective persons therein named—And that they be published in all the Daily papers of this City.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Committee of Arrangements

R. Riker Chairman

M[r] Hone presented the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Repairs, be instructed forthwith to repair the Iron Railing around the Park, by restoring such of the parts thereof as have been removed or lost, and to secure such as are at present loose and liable to be removed.

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following Resolution,

[53] Resolved, That the Committee on Applications to the Legislature be instructed to enquire as to the expediency of shortening the time allowed by Law, to the Assessors, for Assessing the Tax, and advertising, and also for so amending the Laws as to have the Assessment began at an earlier day.

Which was adopted.

M[r] Cowdrey presented a Resolution directing the Street Inspectors

to ascertain the number of Houses now going up and erected since the first of January last, which was read and laid on the Table.

Alderman Seymour presented a Resolution directing a place to be set apart for a Pound to impound the Ca[t]tle trespassing on the Park, which was referred to the Committee on Lands & places

On Motion of Alderman Mann the Board proceeded to appoint Inspectors for the ensuing Annual Election when the following Persons were Elected. Viz

	First Ward	Second Ward
	Robert Manning	Abraham Cargill
	John Y Cebra	John Leonard
	Moses Jaques	Gilbert Roe.
[54]	Third Ward	Fourth Ward
	Isaac L Kip	David Bryson
	Dan[l] D. Smith	Rich[d] E Mount
	William A. Seely	Wm Silliman
	Fifth Ward	Sixth Ward
	John B Schmelzel	Matthew Reed
	Rob[t] M Russell	Adam W Turnbull
	George Concklin	Andrew Surre
	Seventh Ward	Eighth Ward
	Abraham Dally	Sam[l] M Thompson
	William S Coe	Andrew Baccus
	Henry S Brooks	Jacob Ames
	Ninth Ward	Tenth Ward
	Thomas Morris	Reuben Clark
	John Doughty	Elijah Whipple
	Nath[l] Reynolds	Solomon Wheeler

The Report of the Finance Committee on the petition of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen for remission of Rent in Consideration that the same should be applied to the purposes of the Apprentices Library was called up and being read was in the words following,

The finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed petition of the General [55] Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York, That the said Society hold a Lease of a piece of Ground from the Corporation for 60 years, at an annual rent of $125—and that they wish to be entirely released from the payment of the rent, "on the condition that the amount of said rent be annually appropriated to the purchase of Books for the Apprentices Library"

under such regulations & restrictions as the Common Council may deem proper,

Your Committee are duly impressed with the fact of the usefulness of the institution in question, and the great benefits that have resulted from it—But they nevertheless think, that it would be inexpedient to release the whole rent—and that if such rent is remitted for five years, it will be a valuable donation to the Institution, and a great aid to the Apprentices Library. For such a laudable purpose, Your Committee thinks that it is expedient to pass, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Resolved, that five years rent on the before mentioned Lease be remitted to the said Society on the Conditions in the aforegoing report. mentioned

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland.
Henry J Wyckoff
Geo. Zabriskie
Wm Burtsell.

[56] The question being taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee the same was carried in the affirmative.

The Report of the Finance Committee on the Petition of the Orphan Asylum for pecuniary Aid was called up and being read was in the words following

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of the Orphan Asylum Society—That the Society is composed of a number of the most respectable Ladies in the City, who have supported and Educated many poor Orphans, and saved them from indigence & want,—That a number of Children have been taken from the Alms House, and supported and Educated at the expense of this Society. But that the funds of the Society are now so impaired that they require relief, and your Committee think that they properly look for it from the City which, but for their exertions, would have been compelled to support many of the Orphans who are thus taken care of by this Society—Your Committee are entirely unwilling, to establish any more precedents for annual donations to charitable Institutions Yet they cannot but say, that the Orphan Asylum, for its past exertions, from the time of its Institution deserves the sanction [57] and approbation of the Common Council of the City, and is fairly and equitably entitled to a donation, without intending to commit the Board as to any future aid. The sum of five hundred dollars, your

Committee think, would be proper to be given to the Institution in question, and cannot but be considered as due to them for what they have saved the public by their charitable support of Orphans, Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of the Orphan Asylum for five Hundred Dollars.

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
George Zabriskie
Wm Burtsell

The question being taken on agreeing to the same it was carried in the affirmative.

Mr Cowdrey presented a resolution authorising the Watch Committee to increase the City Watch in such way and for such period as they may deem expedient

Which was referred to the Watch Committee.

[58] The Comptroller made the following report.

Balance as pr Acct. 27 Septr	18.72	
Recd for Tax of 1823	47.160.13	
" Streets	11.604.57	
" Auction Sales	2.500.	
" Justices Courts	694.72	
" Rents	443.69	
" Mayoralty fees	161.25	
" Wells & Pumps	146.	
" Fines &c of Sheriff	131.	
" Commutation of Alien passengers	30.	
Loan of Mechanics Bank, Authorised 2d Febry last	10.400.	
		73.290.08

49 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Conklin Watch 1st Dist	813.75	
Hibbard & Clark do 2d "	666.75	
Bleakley & Brower do 3d "	645.75	
John Sidell 1st Marshall Salary 1 Qr 1 Inst	225.	
Wm Schureman Keeper Potters field 1 Month 1 Inst	37.50	
Chs Gilman " Battery 1 " 1 "	30.	
Andrew McCready " Park 1 " 1 "	30.	
R. Riker Chairn of Committee for the reception & Entertaint of Genl Lafayette		
Resoln of the Board 27 Sepr $1000.		
" Finance Commee 8 Inst 1500.	2.500.	
Abrm B Martling Keeper of City Hall to purchase Fuel	200.	

M. Ulshoeffer Counsel for Leases, Certificates, drafting Laws &c..... 160.27
[59] Manhattan Company, Water for Fulton & Washingⁿ Markets, & Jail 1 Year to 1 May 1825..... 115.
J Morton for Hack hire & Index 51 Vo. Minutes &c..... 90.50
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Month 1 Inst 64.42
J Bremner " Catharine " " " 56.
P Amerman " Six " " " 54.50
George Duryea " Fulton " " " 41.67
R. Smith " Franklin " " " 37.50
Isaac Astin Sweeper Fulton " " " 38.59
Wᵐ Sherwood Rent for Justices Court 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qʳ 1 Augᵗ 37.50
Richᵈ Riker Recorder 1 Qʳ Salary 1 Inst..... 375.
J. Fleming Treasʳ Amᵗ paid E. B. Child. a Witness Ordered by Court ..... 50.
C. Chester refreshments for Jurors attending Court..... 32.
Office of Evening Post. Advertising Tavern Licenses..... 4.
Hoyt & Tom Cordage for Fire Department..... 88.50
A Burtis Superᵗ Alms House & Officers 1 Qʳ Salary 1 Instᵗ 537.50
W Hoghland Keeper. Penitenʏ & 3 Assistᵗ 1 Qʳ Salary 1 Instᵗ 537.50
Abrᵐ Leggett Supersʳ & Work Mud Machine to 10 Instᵗ.... 110.67
E. W Bridges. Surveys & Maps 1 Janʏ to 1 Octoʳ..... 823.91
Ed. Doughty do " 1 Qʳ 1ˢᵗ Inst..... 382.42
Danˡ Ewen do " " " 171.88
A. H. Mooney bal. reg & repavʂ New St from Garden to Beaver 111.63
[60] H. Smith Bal. reg & repavʂ Beekman St from Cliff to Pearl St..... 17.66
J Sloan filling Lot Corner Amity & McDougal St. Lien Wᵐ Stone 190.82
S Fargay repairs to Intersections 2ᵈ & 3ᵈ Wards..... 417.90
J Pinkerton ditto 1 Ward..... 65.76
Geo. Lovett Acct. flagging Side Walks around the park.... 1500.
Geo. Charlton 1ˢᵗ payᵗ Well Bleecker St beⁿ Broadway & Bowery 89.25
J Gallagher bal. on Well Rhynder St. near Broome St..... 76.28
Geo. Charlton bal. on Well 11ᵗʰ Street near Bowery..... 54.
Geo. Bowman Inspecting laying flags & regulating at Battery ..... 144.
Geo Lovett 1ˢᵗ paymᵗ for pier foot of Chamber St..... 1872.
J Anderson 2ᵈ paymᵗ for pier Albany Basin..... 1575.
J. Anderson 2ᵈ " for pier Roosevelt St Basin..... 1445.
Jacob P Roome Super Repairs, for Stone and Labour at Castle Clinton 2190.37
J. P. Roome Superʳ Repairs for Repairs Docks & Slips.... 1953.55
J. P Roome " " for Flagging & pavʂ at Essex Market 855.62
A Burtis Superᵗ Alms House..... 5000.

J. Fleming Treas^{r}, for Delinquent State taxes 1823.....	1324.97	
J. Fleming " for 4 Bonds, Am^{t} Advanced of Taxes for 1823 from Incorporated Companies.....	45.400.	
		64.072.37
Balance		$48.19

The Board adjourned.

[61] In Common Council. October 25th 1824

Present. The Hon^{ble} Will^{m} Paulding Jun^{r} Mayor. President Rich^{d} Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen		Ass^{t} Aldermen.
Henry J Wyckoff	1 Ward	Tho^{s} Bolton
Elisha W King	2	Sam^{l} St John
William H Ireland	3	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	4	Sam^{l} Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	5	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	6	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	7	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	8	Thomas T Woodruff
	9	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	10	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A Petition of J. P. Dieterich for permission to Sell four Gigs belonging to a person about leaving the City, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assist. of the 1st Ward

A Petition of Mess^{rs} Richards and Taylor praying [62] to be permitted to build a new Sewer from their Distillery through Perry Street to the North river, and for the privilege of using until Spring the Minetto Sewer, which being read was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

A Letter from John Eveleth offering for Sale to the Corporation a Drudgeing Machine lately built by him was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers & Slips.

A petition of W^{m} Woods for leave to erect a temporary Shop in Front Street near New Slip his former Shop having been destroyed by fire was read and petitioner had leave to withdraw his petition.

A petition of Sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Battery complaining of a building now erecting at Castle Clinton—and a petition of Rathbone & Fitch on subject of the Lease to be given to them

for Castle Clinton were read and referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A petition from a number of Inhabitants in Vicinity of Stanton Slip praying said Slip may be docked out and filled up to Mangin [63] Street, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of Daniel Winship and Others Claimants of Butchers Stands in the late Fly Market requesting a Committee may be authorized to arrange with them the amounts of compensation they are entitled to receive, Which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A recommendation in favor of Thomas Place to be appointed Weigher in Fulton Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of W^m^ Ostrander to be appointed Weigher in Fulton Market

A Similar petition of John Langdon

A Similar petition from Henry W Thorne were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Samuel Westervelt to be appointed a Measurer of Grain, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office,

A petition from Charles H Hall for a Water Grant from 10^th^ to 11^th^ Street on the East River was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[64] A petition of Thomas H Smith for a Water Grant at Brooklyn Long Island between Adams and Jay Streets, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Letter was received from Richard Wilcox stating that he had invented an Analytical Airmeter which is susceptible of escertaining with the greatest precision the State of the Air we breathe announcing the approach of Contagious diseases and praying the Board to examine his apparatus, Which having been read was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences,

A Remonstrance from D C. Lambden Chairman and A. L. Resseigue Secretary of a meeting of the Members of the several Churches in the Neighbourhood of Pearl St remonstrating against the practice of persons exposing Coffins for Sale in the Street, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of a number of Butchers and Grocers praying a Law may be passed prohibiting Grocers from Selling in their Stores Fresh pork and poultry, was referred to the Market Committee,

[65] A petition for paving the Side Walks in Crosby St. Howard to Broome St was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Job Hopkins to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office,

A petition from John G Bortholf stating he has received a Notice that his House in Sullivan St. stands on the Street 3 Inches on the Northerly side and 5 Inches on the Southerly and requesting directions as to the measures he is to pursue—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Thomas Dougherty to have a fine remitted incurred by digging out his Lot on Lombardy St. further into the Street than his line in front extended, was refer'ed to the Police Committee.

A Memorial was received from Monsieur Dupui Delarue proposing to establish an Institution for the Instruction of the Blind upon the plan of the One at Paris, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences,

[66] A petition from persons confined in the Debtors prison, requesting some fuel may be furnished to them and that the Windows in the Prison may be repaired was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

The finance Committee on the petition of Nicholas W Stuyvesants for a Water Grant reported in favour of petitioner as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the within petition of Nicholas W^m Stuyvesant for a Water Grant, That they can see no reason against granting the prayer of the petitioner, It is an ordinary application for a Water grant, in front of M^r Stuyvesants premises— Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Counsel prepare a grant for a Water lot to Nicholas W Stuyvesant, for ground under Water, opposite his Land, between Ninth & Tenth Streets, upon terms similar to those prescribed, in the case of Charles Henry Hall, and upon the other usual terms, conditions and reservations.

Signed Reuben Munson
W^m H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Geo. Zabriskie
W^m Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[67] The Finance Committee on the Petition of George Warner to purchase a Gore of Land from the Corporation reported in favour of the same as follows,

The finance Committee respectfully report, on the within petition of George Warner Esq[r] That the petitioner wishes to purchase a gore or Strip of Ground which the Corporation obtained under the proceedings for the Opening of Fourth St. he owning the adjourning property which the said gore or Strip lies in front of. Your Committee, in this, as in similar Instances, are of the Opinion, that the gore ought to be granted to the adjourning Owner, provided that he will pay its value to the Corporation, The Cost of this Gore to the Corporation is Three thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy Six $\frac{7}{100}$ Dollars, with the Interest from the time when the Corporation paid the Same, which M[r] Warner is willing to pay for it, and which sum, in the Opinion of your Committee, is a fair Consideration for said Land It will amount to about $4.900

They therefore offer for the Consideration of the Board they following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare the usual Deed for the above piece of Land to M[r] Warner, for the consideration above named,
(Signed), Reuben Munson, W[m] H Ireland,
Henry J Wyckoff, Geo Zabriskie, & W[m] Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[68] The Finance Committee on the Memorial of Morris De Camp relative to his compensation for adjusting the accounts of John G Betts presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee, to whom was refer'ed the annexed petition of Morris De Camp respectfully report, That sometime ago M[r] D[e] Camp was appointed by this Board to collect the unsettled assessments formerly put into the hands of John G Betts, That M[r] D'Camp having finished the Collections, now prays an allowance to compensate him for his trouble and services,

Your Committee are of Opinion that M[r] D'Camp has diligently and faithfully performed the services required of him, which, Considering the deranged state of the accounts of M[r] Betts, called for his utmost attention and promptness, They believe that an allowance of two Hundred & Seventy four dollars and Eighty Six Cents, will be a fair compensation for the Services of M[r] De Camp in these collections. This amount, added to what he has received for these collections, will make about SixperCent Commissions on the amount actually Collected by him; but which is to be in full of all compensation for his

services in relation to the whole of the Assessments formerly placed in the hands of Mr Betts.

[69] Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favour of Morris De Camp for the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy four Dollars & Eighty Six Cents, in full compensation for his services above Stated.

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition of Peter Parks to erect Iron railing in front of his Building, in Oliver St. reported in favour as follows, viz.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Parks for permission to erect an Iron railing in front of his Buildings in Oliver Street, Report, that they see no objections to the granting his request, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
[70] (Signed). Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Saml St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward on Complaint against deposite of Manure in Varick Street reported as follows. viz.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward to whom was referred the annexed memorial of Sundry of the Inhabitants of the Eight Ward against the deposit of Manure in their vicinity, and within the limits prescribed by Law. Report that in their Opinion, the depositors of manure should be forthwith noticed by the City Inspector to remove the same, and that all violators of the Ordinance forbiding the deposit within Certain limits, be in future reported to the Attorney to this Board, they accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the depositors of the Manure in the 8th Ward, be noticed by the City Inspector to remove the same forthwith, and that all violations in future be reported by him to the Attorney to this Board for prosecution

Jacob B Taylor
Thomas T. Woodruff,

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[71] The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner on a petition for a Well and pump in Canal Street reported in favour of the same as follows. Viz.

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Hatfield and Others for a Well & pump in Canal Street near Varick Street, report that in their opinion their request is reasonable and ought to be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and an Ordinance passed accordingly

Jacob B. Taylor
Thomas T. Woodruff
R Graves, St Commr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee on the Letter of the Superintendant of the Penitentiary presented the following

The Special Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Superintendant of the Penitentiary respecting alterations in the interior of that building so as to construct a number of Cells for Lodging the prisoners seperately.

Report, That they have attended to the [72] duties of their appointment, and after a personal inspection and full consultation with mechanicks of experience, are of opinion the alterations may be made with great advantage to the dicipline of the prison, and at an inconsiderable expence to the City, as most of the work can be done by the convicts themselves, it is not intended by your Committee to recommend any thing further at present than to commence the improvement by erecting Sixteen Cells as will be seen by refference to the accompanying plan, and if the advantages prove equal to the expectations of your Committee, then by degrees to go on encreasing the Cells to the number of One Hundred and twenty Eight which can be done in the front half of the Building without disturbing the accommodations of the Keeper, this number of Cells in the Opinion of your Com-

mittee will be sufficient for all necessary and useful purposes and leave the other half of the Building as at present arranged, which may be occupied for the Confinement of Vagrants, and those committed for minor offences, The Committee do not think it necessary to add their testimony to the many others that are accumulateing in favour of a measure so important as the confinement of prisoners in seperate Cells, [73] but conclude their report by recommending the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of the Penitentiary be instructed (under the direction of the Committee charged with this subject) to commence the alterations and to cause them to be compleated as soon as convenient

Henry J Wyckoff
Asa Mann
(Signed) Sam[l] Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
Alpheus Sherman

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Board of Supervisors to whom had been referred the subject of forming a Tariff of Compensation for the Collectors of the several Wards presented the following Report, which was approved and accepted.

The Special Committee appointed to fix a Tariff that would give the Collectors of the several Wards a suitable compensation for their time and trouble in collecting the Taxes—Report that they have gone into various calculations and finally have agreed to recommend the following resolution, which if adopted will in the opinion of your Committee give each Collector a fair and reasonable Compensation for his trouble,

[74] Resolved, that the Collector of the First Ward be, and he is hereby authorised to retain in his hands on all monies by him collected and paid over to the City Treasurer of the City Tax Three Quarters per Cent—That the Collector of the Second Ward, retain on all monies by him Collected Two per Cent—That the Collector of the Third Ward retain Two and three Eights per Cent on all monies by him collected, That the Collector of the Fourth Ward retain Three and three Eights per Cent on all monies by him collected—That the Collector of the Fifth Ward retain Three and One half per Cent on all monies by him Collected—That the Collector of the Sixth Ward retain Three and Seven eights per Cent on all monies by him collected—That the Col-

lector of the Seventh Ward retain Five and three quarters per Cent, on all monies by him Collected—That the Collector of the Eighth Ward retain Four and One Eighth per Cent on all monies by him Collected—That the Collector of the Ninth Ward retain Eight and One quarter per Cent on all monies by him Collected—That the Collector of the Tenth Ward retain Five and One Eighth per Cent on all monies by him collected and no more, and that this be a full compensation for each of said Collectors respectively for their time and trouble in collecting and [75] paying over to the City Treasurer the monies authorised to be raised by Tax, for the City and County of New York for the current year.

Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Asa Mann
Rich[d] Riker

The Board of Supervisors to whom had been referred the subject of forming a Jury list, presented the following Resolutions which were adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the Aldermen & Assistants and Assessors and Collectors of each Ward, designate the Jurors from the Assessment Books.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty dollars be allowed to each Ward to be divided among those who were employed in designating the Jurors from the Assessment Books.

(Signed) J Morton Clerk

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Letter from Judge Thompson and the Resolution of the Board of the 13[th] Septem[r] 1824, presented the following Report.

The Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution, and letter from the Hon[ble] Judge Thompson relating to the removal of the United States Courts from the City Hall, respectfully report, That in the month of Septem[r] 1811, immediately after the completion of [76] the City Hall, a committee appointed for the purpose by the Common Council, proceeded to designate the several apartments in that building for the use for which it was designed, and among others, that Committee set apart one of the most commodious and spacious rooms, for the use of the Courts of the U, States, and caused a label to be placed on the door thereof accordingly. No exclusive grant of this room has ever been made to the U, States, but their Courts, until recently, continued to occupy it, in the same manner as the various Courts of the State and City have occupied the rooms assigned to them, Having heard it suggested that the Courts of the U States have occasionally been interrupted in the occupation of the room set apart for

their use, Your Committee deemed it their duty to make enquiry on the subject from the highly respectable Judges and Officers of those Courts, but as yet, no information has been afforded except that contained in a Letter from the Marshall of the district to the Comptroller of the Treasury, accompanied with a Copy of One of the resolutions recommended in the report of the Committee on public Offices, and adopted by the Board on the 11th Augt 1823, Copies of which, are hereunto annexed—It is however within the knowledge of your Committee that the room set apart for the Courts of the [77] U. States has occasionally been occupied for other purposes, as has also been the case, with respect to the various other Court rooms in the Hall, But your Committee are not aware that such temporary occupation was calculated to embarass the Courts of the U. States, inasmuch as there has, at all times been a suitable room in the Hall unoccupied, and subject to their wishes. If however those Courts have been incommoded in holding their sessions in the Hall either from the negligence of the Keeper or otherwise, it has not been done by the order, or with the knowledge of the Common Council, and certain it is, that no complaint has ever been made to them on the subject—The room thus set apart for the use of the Courts of the U States, still continues so, and is ready for their occupation whenever they may deem it necessary.

With respect to the Office of Clerk of the Courts of the U. States, Your Committee find that in the month of April 1813 a room in the basement Story was assigned for that purpose, but they cannot discover that the room in the second Story lately occupied by him, was ever so appropriated, that room however being unoccupied, he was permitted to use it, and it will be seen by the report of the Committee on public Offices made the 11th August 1823, That it was with reluctance they were Compelled to recommend the appropriation of this room to a different purpose, Whilst [78] at the same time they proposed to accommodate the Clerk with the One at present Occupied by the Honble Judge Edwards, and to have it fitted up in a suitable manner, and a Resolution to that effect passed the Common Council, but the Clerk deeming it too small for his convenience preferred taking another room out of the Hall.

(Signed) William H Ireland
Asa Mann
Elisha W King

Whereupon the same was accepted & filed and his Honor the Mayor was requested to transmit a copy of the same to Judge Thompson and

it was also ordered that the said Report with the accompanying documents together with the Report of the Committee on Public Offices of the 27th October 1823 be published in the papers employed by the Board.

A Letter from Sylvester Robinson President of the Niagara I[n]surance Company addressed to the Board of Supervisors was laid before the Board, stating that the Report of the Profits of the Company accompanied with a Receipts of the City Treasurer, of the Commutation having been paid thereon agreeably to Law, was presented to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors on the 5th September 1824 the day prescribed by Law [79] but the Board of Supervisors having adjourned previous to the receipt of the Report by the Clerk, the Board at their next meeting directed the Clerk to return the same as the Books of Assessment had been made out and approved previous to the receipt of the same, and the Petitioners now pray relief in the premises as they consider that they had complied with the requisition of the Law—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Assessment

The Chief Engineer presented a Report stating that George Went member of Fire Engine Company N° 12. refused at a late fire to obey the orders of the Assistant Foreman of the Company and he therefore recommended his expulsion from the Company, He also stated that Fire Engine Company N° 8 had knowingly permitted Volunteer Boys to appear in the garb of Firemen contrary to the Resolution of the 21st June last, and that agreeably to said Resolution he had sent their Engine to the Corporation Yard, Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Edward Underhill, Shoe Maker 152 Chatham St
(Vice) James Hall Resigned

[80] Oliver T Scribner Locksmith Scammel St
(Vice) John R Lecount, Resigned.

Lewis Labrett Coach Trimmer 46 Lispenard St,
(Vice) Thomas Lecount, Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 3.

Harold Geer, Carpenter 44 Broad St
(Vice) Joseph Swaine Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 6.

Thomas J B Clark Cabinet Maker 214 Church,
Vice James Haselton Expelled

Fire Engine Company N° 14

Thomas Francis Tailor 39 Vesey St
Vice, Hiram Pierson Resigned
Edward G Billington Accountant 39 Barckly St
Vice, John Colgate Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 15

George Wilt Baker Pump n^r Chrystie St.
Vice James M Shourt Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 16

Robert Furlong Grocer 27 Nassau St
(Vice) Samuel Becannon Resigned
John J R B Tyrie Carpenter 9 Fletcher St
Vice George Alcock Resigned

[81] Fire Engine Company N° 19

Cornelius Demarest Cabinet Maker 41 Hester St.
(Vice) Dennis Craft Time expired
Anthony Fountain Cordwainer 78 Ludlow St.
(Vice) Abraham Shotwell Deceased
Joseph S Barker Shoe Store 78 Eldridge St.
Vice, Henry Fisher Joined the Watch.
Archibald Parsells Cordwainer 78 Ludlow St.
Vice George W Lanckenaw Resigned
Charles Good Baker, 45 Mulberry St
Vice to fill up the Company

Fire Engine Company N° 20

William Carl Sadler 65 Cedar St
Vice, John Crawford Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 26

Benjamin Fuller, Cordwainer 29 Pike St
Vice, George Mariner Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 33

John Allen Brass Founder 1 Clinton St
Vice, James P. Allaire Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 37

George H Dewitt Hatter 104 Delancy St
Vice Henry Larkins Resigned

Oliver T Scribner Locksmith 18 Scammel St
Vice Isaac Miller Resigned

[82] Fire Engine Company N° 37

Henry A Rogers Shoemaker 83 Forsyth
Vice, Charles Dewstoe Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 40

Samuel S Wandell Cartman 230 Mulberry St.
(Vice) William Eagles Resigned

Peter M Granger Butcher 231 Mulberry St.
Vice Jeremiah Chapman Resigned

Samuel B Edwards Carpenter 115 Forsyth St
Vice Thomas G Harrison Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 41

Nathaniel Akeley Cordwainer Broome & Arundle
Vice, Harry Stiles Resigned

Enos Force Mason 67 Arundle Vice, John Boyd Resigned

Henry W Scofield Blacksmith 67 Arundle
Vice William J Pell Resigned

The Attorney presented the following in relation to the correction of a mistake in the Petition to the Supreme Court for Opening first St.

The Attorney respectfully reports, that one or two inaccuracies in the Map for the Opening of First Street having been discovered, since the same was made out, it has become necessary to alter the petition to the Supreme Court (for the appointment of Commissioners) [83] accordingly, The Petition is therefore submitted for execution to the Board as amended.

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Petition presented was directed to be duly Authenticated.

The Attorney presented the following Report in relation to an alteration in two certificates of Leases to James Jenkins and Isaac Thorne,

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports, that the Assistant Street Commissioner has discovered that two Certificates of the Sale

of property sold for nonpayment of taxes, on the 12th day of August 1822, and the leases which were made out from those certificates, one to James Jenkins, and one to Isaac Thorne are incorrect in the description of the situation of the property so sold—he having examined into the matter, and finding that the Certificate drawn by the late Counsel differed from the description of the situation as contained in the advertisements of sale and auctioneers list of sales, but the late Counsel could not upon searching, find the list furnished to him from the Street Commissioner's Office, and from which he made out the Certificates.

It is therefore impossible to state where the mistake originated. The Leases being made out from the Certificates at the end of two years, in Case the property is not redeemed are of course erroneous in the same particulars,

[84] The mistake in both the above certificates and leases is, that the word "Herring Street" has been substituted for Greenwich Street, the property being described as situated on the North Side of Charles Street between Herring and Hudson Streets, whereas it ought to have read, on the North side of Charles Street between Greenwich and Hudson Street. The purchasers have applied to the Street Commissioner to have the error corrected, This may be done by the Board authorising the Attorney to alter the Certificates and Leases already made out.

The Certificates and Leases are for the following pieces of property, the descriptions of which are according to the advertisement and Auctioneers list.

I All that certain House and Lot of ground situate in the Ninth Ward of the City of New York on the North side of Charles Street, between Greenwich and Hudson Streets, assessed as belonging to Thomas Blanch, sold to James Jenkins for five years from 12th August 1824 for Twenty five Dollars and fifty Cents.

II All that certain House and Lot of ground situate in the Ninth Ward of the City of New York, on the North side of Charles Street, between Greenwich and Hudson Streets, assessed as belonging to Thomas Blanch, sold to Isaac Thorne for Three years, from 12th [85] August 1824, for Twenty five Dollars & fifty One Cents.

The Attorney respectfully recommends that he be authorised to alter the said certificates & Leases for the above property (in such manner that they may comply with the advertisements of Sale, and Auctioneers certificate of Sale, and the actual situation of the pieces of property) by striking out the word "Herring and inserting the

word Greenwich" and that his Honor the Mayor re-execute or re-acknowledge the same after such alteration

Respectfully Submitted

M. Ulshoeffer

Whereupon it was directed that the said Certificates be duly authenticated as recommended by the Attorney.

The Attorney presented a Report stating that the Resolution of last meeting on subject of Carriage-ways had been transmitted to him by the Committee with a request that he would draft an Ordinance correspondent with the Resolution which he had done and presented the same—Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee.

The Attorney on the Petitions of the Revd D. S. Bogart and William A Davis reported as follows.

[86] The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports on the annexed petition of the Revd D S Bogart and W A Davis Esqr. That the former offers to abandon his late tenement No 31 William St. to the Corporation; and the latter objects to the removal of that building before the first of May next, until which day he hired part of the same from Mr Bogart.

By the Laws and proceedings relative to the extension of Garden Street and Slote Lane, the Corporation are seized in fee of the Land on which the building in question stands—and they are authorised to enter into possession, & remove all the buildings on the same—the same now being part of a public Street

The Commissioners for opening Garden Street were appointed by the Supreme Court on the 24th of May last. and commenced their proceedings on the 26th of that month. Mr. Davis on the 22nd of June following hired from Mr Bogert the first floor and Garret of the front building on the lot, until the 1st of May next. The Commissioners inspected and examined the premises required for extending this Street (as they State) on the 27th of May, nearly if not quite a month anterior to Mr Davis taking possession, (as it now appears he did,) of the part of the building so hired by him, The Commissioners filed their report or estimate of damages &c. [*] in the Clerks Office on the 14th July, and gave 14 days public Notice, in 3 daily papers, according to Law, during this time, all persons had a right to object to the Commissioners report, and afterwards they had a right to appeal to the Supreme Court; no objections however, were *may* [made] by or in behalf of Mr Davis, either before the Commis-

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

sioners or Supreme Court, and the proceedings were confirmed on the 2d of August last.

The Laws under which Streets are opened have been long in existence, and constantly in execution, and have been frequently the subject of legal investigation but their constitutionality has never been seriously questioned, nor has the question ever been raised that the notice to the parties interested, as provided for in the Law, was insufficient.

With respect to tenants for part of a Year—it is probable that they are not noticed under these Laws, because, in most cases, the Streets are opened on or about the 1st May, when such tenancies terminate—In the case of Garden St. however, the Board have ordered the opening to take place on the 1st Novemr next, although they possessed the power to have postponed the same not exceeding 15 Months from the time that the Court confirmed the proceedings. The Board having thus determined on the time of opening the Street, and having proceeded to collect the Assessments, cannot further postpone the Opening. Their power in that respect [88] being executed.

The extending of this public Street, of course requires the removal of the tenements encumbering it. The Board usually orders this to be done, in case the owners neglect to do it. If when the Board orders the buildings to be removed, a suit should be brought for that act, it will present a case in no respect different from those cases that may exist in every opening of a Street, which requires houses to be taken down, No one has yet ventured to bring such an action, because it is believed that no such action could be sustained.

All general laws, affecting property, in their execution, frequently operate very hardly in particular instances—but those instances arise, not from the defects of the Law, but from the parties having themselves omitted to bring forward their claims, in time, under the provisions of the Law, This Common Council cannot review the proceedings of the Commissioners, and open the Street, in case they approve, and refuse to open it, in case they disapprove. The Supreme Court alone possessed this power, and have executed it—The obligation remains imperative upon this Board, to execute whatever of the Law remains to be executed, that is, to open the Street, to collect the assessments, and to pay the awards.

[89] Whether Mr Davis has not a just claim against the Revd Mr Bogert, for damages, under the circumstances of his Case, is a matter with which this Board has no power of interfering. In a case where a Landlord should rent his tenement after legal proceedings under

these Laws, had actually progressed so far, and the tenant should be dispossessed, it might present a serious question whether the Landlord was not liable to indemnify the tenant, but it never could affect the validity of the proceedings of the Commissioners

If the Building thus partly occupied by Mr Davis is not removed by the 1st Novemr it will nevertheless remain for this Board to determine whether they will, (notwithstanding their legal rights and duties) assume the responsibility, of omitting to pull down the front building in question until the 1st of May next; which is all that Mr Davis asks or requires, If this be done, it may be proper to accept the abandonment of the building tendered by Mr Bogart.

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which was accepted and ordered to be filed and the Street Commissioner was directed to cause the Buildings to be removed from and after the 1st Novemr next.

[90] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinance which was passed, Viz,

For a Well and Pump in Canal Street near Varick Street and Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Junr and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors thereon.

He also presented the following Assessments which were Confirmed—Viz.

For regulating and paving Rutgers Slip and repaving Cherry Street from Rutgers to Pelham St

Also for pitching and paving Eldridge Street from Stanton to North Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in each.

Also for a Well and Pump in Bleecker St. near Mott St. and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

Also for laying Cross Walks in the 3rd Ward and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The City Inspector on the petition referred to him of Joseph Ives presented the following Report which was directed to be filed.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports on the petition of Joseph Ives respecting an improved system of Tubs for necessary purposes, in lieu of the open tubs now in use.

[91] That he has examined Mr Ives's tubs, from his judgment, and the Opinion of a number of scientific men with whom he conversed on the subject, he is of opinion, a considerable improvement has been made by Mr Ives. In Paris Tubs of a more Complex

form are in use, and strongly recommended; there, they are peculiarly valuable, particularly as in many instances, their houses are altogether, without yards—yet, it does not appear, that any Legal measures are resorted to, in that City, to coerce their sole use—their superior utility is gradually forcing them into notice; and so probably it should be here.

At the same time, the subject appears to well merit the attention of a Committee, before whom are desirous of appearing a number of respectable Citizens, for the purpose of elucidating the subject, and, if possible, correcting or amending, the present mode of Emptying Privies & Tubs

Respectfully Submitted

George Cuming City Inspecr

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully report the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances.

Nº 1	Chs McEvers	Owner	Elizabeth St	A Lot
2	Widow Juhel	do	Do.	Do
3	[92] Jnº R Livingston	do	Do.	Do
4	Jnº J Astor	do	Do	"
5	Hu Maxwell	do	Mercer St	"
6	M Field	do	14 New St	a privy
7	Sl Purdy	do	85 Cherry St	"
8	Ditto	do	83 Do	"
9	G Lovett	do	Laurens S	a Lot

Geo Cuming
City Inspector.

Alderman Wyckoff presented a resolution to amend the 17th Section of the Laws to extinguish Fires, so as that all expulsions of Firemen be reported to the Board, Which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

The following resignations from persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing election was read and the following were appointed in their stead viz

4th Ward.

David Bryson Resigned and Eldad Holmes appointed
Wm Silliman do " Isaac Brown "

6th Ward

Matthew Reed Resigned and Pearson Halstead appod

Mr Bolton presented a Resolution respecting Ordering the different Sewers in the City to be cleansed at stated times—Which was referred to the Canal Committee.

[93] The Report of the Committee on Lands and places on subject of selecting a Site for a Pottersfield was called up and after some discussion was postponed

Mr Cowdrey presented a Resolution that the Board would attend the examination of Free School N° 6 at Bellevue to-morrow afternoon at 3 Oclock which was agreed to

The Report of the Committee on the Communication of the Commissioners under the Law of the 10th of April was called up and after some discussion—the further consideration was postponed,

The Comptroller made the following Report.

Balance as per Acct. 11th Inst	48.19	
Recd for Streets	5196.78	
" Rents	995.89	
" Wells & pumps	371.25	
" Tavern Licenses	250.	
" Taxes of 1823. 5 & 10 Wards	192.07	
" Cartmen & Porter's Licenses	178.87	
" Mayoralty fees	84.50	
Loan of Mechanics Bank Authorised 2 Feb last	8600.	
		15.917.55

35 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
[94] Hibbard & Clark Watch 2d Dist	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	645.75
Geo B. Smith Asst st. Commr 1 Qr Salary 15 Inst	337.50
J Morton for Hackhire & other Charges paid	26.62
Abrm Leggett Supers & Work Mud Machine to 24 Inst	130.82
G N Bleecker Completing Tax books of 1824	300.
C. Chester Dinner for Jury 13 Inst. ordered by Court	9.50
J. Culbert. Acct. reg & pav. Canal St from Greenwich to Hudson St	610.03
C. Mooney Acct. reg & pav Sidewalks Prince St between Broadway & Bowery	280.
J Bailey Acct. reg & pav Norfolk St. from Broome to Stanton	150.
H. Smith Acct. reg & pav Sheriff St from Broome to Stanton	150.
H Smith Bal. reg & repav Pearl St from Fulton to Peck slip	77.22
H Smith Bal. reg & repav. Water St from Fulton to Peck Slip	54.30
Isaac Thorne Amt. paid on Lot 1110 Orange St refunded	14.52

W[m] Gee posting bills for St Comm[r] to 20 Octo[r]	12.	
Isaac T. Ludlam Surveys Maps &c 1 Qr 1 Inst	443.45	
Thomas R Ludlam do do " "	380.64	
[95] S. Fargay Corpor[n] part reg & pav Chatham St from Broadway to Jail	911.07	
R Pettigrew bal on Well, Harman near pitt St	85.25	
J Gallagher bal. on Well Lombardy near pike St	72.80	
R. Pettigrew bal on Well Henry n[r] Grand	72.	
J. Gallagher 1[t] payt Well Suffolk n[r] Delancy	58.50	
John G Tibbets return of part assess[t] Well and pump Cr North & Attorney Street	42.	
H Smith acct flagging Walk at Battery	1000.	
G Tucker 4[th] paym[t] Masons Work at Fever Hospital	2500.	
G Tucker Acct. repairing Wall & regulating ground at Battery	500.	
R Graves St. Comm[r] for repairs Roads	800.	
Jacob P Roome Sup[t] Repairs fr fire depart[t]	570.	
J P. Roome " " " repairs	415.	
J P Roome Sup[t] Repairs for Dock Stone at C Clinton	334.	
J P Roome " " " Pump Departm[t]	268.	
J P. Roome " " " Docks & Slips	123.	
Treasurer of Orphan Asylum, Ordered by Board 11 Inst	500.	
A Burtis Super[t] Alms House	2500.	
		10.751.62
Balance.		$63.08

The Board adjourned.

[96] Special Meeting. In Common Council November 1. 1824

Present. The Hon[ble] W[m] Paulding Jun[r] Mayor President

Aldermen.

William H Ireland
Thaddeus Seymour
George Zabriskie
Shivers Parker

A request was made by Doctor Cornelius Roosa to be made a Freeman of the City he being Nominated by a number of Electors of the Sixth Ward as a Candidate for the Office of Alderman of said Ward—Whereupon it was Resolved, that the request of Doctor Roosa be granted—He thereupon took and subscribed the Freeman's Oath which was administered to him by the Mayor and it was further Resolved that the sum of Two Dollars be paid by said Cornelius Roosa as a fee for admission to the rights of a Freeman of the City of New York.

The Board adjourned.

[97] In Common Council. November 8th 1824.

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor. President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Alderman			Assistants		
1	Ward	Henry J Wyckoff	1	Ward	Thomas Bolton
2	"	Elisha W King	2	"	Saml St John
3	"	William H. Ireland	3	"	Philip Hone
4	"	Thaddeus Seymour	4	"	Saml Cowdrey
5	"	George Zabriskie	5	"	William Burtsell
6	"	Shivers Parker	6	"	Stephen Conover
7	"	Asa Mann	7	"	Jamison Cox
8	"	Jacob B Taylor	8	"	Thomas T Woodruff
9	"	George S Doughty	9	"	Alpheus Sherman
10	"	Reuben Munson	10	"	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last regualar & Special Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Robt Le Roy for relief from mistake in Personal Tax assessed on him was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[98] A petition from Inhabitants at Whitehall that the Drain which runs into Whitehall Slip may be Opened and cleansed was referred to the Canal Committee with powers.

A petition of Anthony Arnoux that the Stoop of his House in Green Street Corner of Spring St. may be permitted to remain as erected was read and referred to the St. Committee.

A petition of Barbara Owens for an extension of time to pay an Assessment on Canal Street was referred to the Canal Committee

A petition of Leonard K Smith for Office of Inspector of Lumber was referred to Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of the Fisherman of Washington Market that the Brick floor of the part of the Market occupied by them may be taken up and a plank floor laid in its place was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of the Street Inspectors praying for additional compensation as extra services have been imposed upon them was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[99] A Remonstrance was received from Comfort Sands against granting a Water Grant to Thomas H Smith at Brooklyn and was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Attorney &

Delancy Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 10th Ward & Street Commr

A Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Hammond St. and Greenwich Lane was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 9th Ward & St Commissioner

A Petition of Strong & Ballagh Contractors of Street manure of 3d District for relief from fine incurred by not removing dirt at Corner of Cherry St and Walnut St. was referred to the Police Committee

A Memorial from Owners of Lots in Vicinity of Maiden Lane complaining that the Sewer was overflowed at time of heavy rains and praying the same may be remedid—was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of James Herring to be employed to paint the Portrait of the Marquis De La Fayette required by the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee appointed on the reception and Entertainment of the Marquis.

[100] A Petition of Samuel Akerley to be remunerated for the expense of repaving Side Walks in Cherry St. a second time unnecessarily was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of N. Gevalot stating that he has executed in Plaster of Paris a Bust of the Marquis De La Fayette one of which he requests the Corporation to accept was read Whereupon the following Resolution was presented by Mr Cowdrey and adopted.

Resolved, That the Bust of General La Fayette, presented to this Board, by N Gevelot Artist and Sculptor, be accepted, and that the same be placed in a conspicuous situation in the Gallery of Paintings, under the direction of the Committee of repairs.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be presented to the above named N Gevelot, for his donation and that he be furnished by Genl Morton, with a Copy of these resolution[s],

A Letter addressed to the Mayor was laid before the Board from Samuel Akerly and others who have suffered by the late fires stating that they believe the same to have been the work of Incendiaries and praying that a Reward might be offered for the discovery and [101] apprehension of the perpetrators being read Mr Cowdrey presented the following preamble and Resolution which were adopted.

The frequent occurrence of fires, recently, in this City, affording to the good Citizens, and Inhabitants thereof, the most serious alarm; and it being the duty of this Board to take the most efficacious means within their power, for the discovery and apprehension of the Incendiaries, if such fires or any of them have been the result of design.

Therefore, Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested forthwith to issue his proclamation offering a Reward of $200 for the apprehension of any one of the persons who may have Feloniously occasioned any of the recent fires in this City, and the further sum of $100 for every other person who may have been concerned in the said Crime to the end that he or they may be brought to speedy & condign punishment—such reward to be paid on the Conviction of the offender or offenders, and in such proportions among the persons who may claim the same, as shall, in Case of difference, be determined on by the Committee on the fire Department.

A Petition of Thomas Van Zandt for permission to place a Cistern in front of 2 Houses in Beekman Street was read and referred to Alderman and Assistant of 2d Ward and Street Commissioner

[102] A Petition was received from Daniel Phenix Ingraham stating that he was owner of a Lot of Land in the Ninth Ward bounded in front by Harleam river and in the rear by the Centre line of the Second Avenue and the Centre line of 127th Street and praying a perpetual Lease of a Salt marsh in front of the said Ground was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of John McDougall Lawrence and others Heirs and Devisees of John Lawrence deceased against the proposed Opening of a New Street between Walnut & Scamel St. to extend to the East river was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Clerk laid before the Board the following return of John Woodward Clerk of the City and County of New York. of persons elected to Office at the late Charter Election which was accepted and the Clerk was directed to give Notice to the persons so chosen to attend at the Common Council Chamber on the last Monday in December next to take the Oaths prescribed by Law—It appearing by the said return that there was no choice made of an Assistant for the Fifth Ward there being an equal number of Votes for William Burtsell the present [103] Assistant of said Ward and James R Manley the subject was referred to the Law Committee to consider and Report as to the measures proper to be pursued in relation thereto.

I John Woodward Clerk of the City and County of New York, do certify that by the returns filed in my Office, it appears that at an Election held in the City and County of New York on the 1st Day of November in the year One thousand Eight hundred and Twenty four and on the two succeeding days inclusive the following persons were elected Charter Officers in the several wards of the said City, that is to say.

Henry J Wyckoff	Alderman	Of the first Ward
Thomas Bolton	Assistant	
John H Bailey, Jeromus Johnson	Assessors	
Daniel J Ebbets	Collector	
Richard S Clark, Robert Graham	Constables	
Elisha W King	Alderman	Of the Second Ward
Saml St. John	Assistant	
Jacob Drake, John Leonard	Assessors	
Henry W Peckwell	Collector	
Richard Ellis, John Wintringham	Constables	
[104] William H Ireland,	Alderman,	of the third Ward
Philip Hone	Assistant	
Nathaniel C Griffith, Isaac Graham	Assessors	
Abraham King	Collector	
Simon Van Antwerp Jr, Henry Graham	Constables	
Saml Cowdrey	Alderman	Of the Fourth Ward
John Agnew	Assistant	
Lewis Seymour, Saml Leggett	Assessors	
William Benjamin	Collector	
James G Finn, Frederick Seely	Constables	
John Webb	Alderman	of the Fifth Ward
John B Schmelzel, Leonard Warner	Assessors	
William Berrian	Collector	
Cyrus Bedell, John Insley	Constables	
Matthew Reed	Alderman	of the Sixth Ward.
Josiah Hedden	Assistant	
Cornelius McLean, Isaac J Lockwood	Assessors	
Thomas Mooney	Collector	
Thomas Parker, Caleb Crane	Constables	
[105] Asa Mann	Alderman	Of the Seventh Ward
Jamison Cox	Assistant	
James M Tuthill, Caleb Fordham	Assessors	
Morris Oakley	Collector	
Robert Phillips, Wm Rhodes	Constables	

Jacob B Taylor	Alderman	Of the Eighth Ward
Daniel E Dunscomb	Assistant	
Gilbert Coutant, Henry Howard	Assessors	
Saml Y Clark	Collector	
Cornelius Stagg, Horatio Mott	Constables	
Wm A Davis,	Alderman	Of the Ninth Ward
Effingham Schieffelin	Assistant	
John Adriance, Jeremiah Pangburn	Assessors	
Robert M Cox	Collector	
Joseph Madden, Stephen Huestis	Constables	
Gideon Ostrander	Alderman	Of the Tenth Ward
William P Rathbone	Assistant	
Isaac Halsey, Samuel Purdy	Assessors	
John Palmer	Collector	
[106] Nehemiah Ludlam, William F Stevenson	Constables	

As to Assistant for the Fifth Ward, there is no election; the Votes being equally divided; that is to say there being four hundred and forty Nine Votes for James R Manly as "Assistant Alderman" and four hundred and forty Nine Votes for William Burtsell as "Assistant Alderman"

Jn° Woodward
Clk of the City & County of New York

A Petition of David M^cCreary for relief from fine incurred by incumbering the Street was read and referred to the Police Committee

The following further Report was presented by the Committee to whom had been referred the Letter from the Keeper of the Penitentiary which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Special Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Keeper of the penitentiary on the subject of erecting seperate cells in that prison, beg leave further to report

That on a more particular inspection of the manner in which the building is constructed they find it impracticable to commence the improvements by putting up only 16 Cells as recommended in their former report, it was then believed that the Beams that [107] support the upper floors extended from the front of the building resting their ends on the center walls, whereas it is found on examination they run lengthwise of the building and rest on the Stone walls dividing the wing into 4 small rooms, this will make it necessary to take out all

the floors and partition walls (the middle wall running lengthwise excepted) from the ground floor to the garret, which will afford room for 12 Cells in a tier and as it is proposed to have them five tier high will Contain 60 cells, which from the best information your Committee has been able to obtain will cost about $30 each including Locks and other fastenings, this will require an expenditure of nearly $2000 to compleat that number, notwithstanding the magnitude of the sum your Committee are induced to recommend the experiment of locking up prisoners in seperate cells be made, believing as they do that the present mode of Confining in the same room the hardened felon with those convicted for the first time of some petty theft is an evil that the Common Council are called upon to remedy, and your Committee know of no other than that now proposed they therefore beg leave to submit to the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Keeper of the penitentiary under the direction of the Committee be [108] and hereby is directed to cause the above number of Cells to be constructed.

Henry J Wyckoff
Asa Mann
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
Alpheus Sherman

The Committee of Wharves Piers and Slips to whom had been referred the Letter of J Eveleth offering to sell to the Corporation a Drudge or Mud Machine reported against purchasing the same as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the within petition of John Eveleth proposing to sell to the Corporation his new Mud machine Report that in the Opinion of the Committee the machine already owned by the Corporation is sufficient to answer the purpose of cleansing or excavating the public Slips, and as they think it would be inexpedient to purchase an additional one with a view of deriving therefrom a revenue, they Offer the following resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to purchase the Machine of Mr Eveleth referred to in the within Petition.

George Zabriskie
[109] (Signed) Shivers Parker
William H Ireland
Asa Mann
Saml Cowdrey

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the Petition of Messrs Richards and Taylor for permission to build a Sewer in Perry Street to carry off the water from their Distillery reported in favour of the same as follows, viz.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward to whom was referred the petition of Messrs Richards & Taylor owners of the Eagle Distillery at the Village of Greenwich, for permission to construct a sewer in Perry Street from their distillery to carry off the wash &c to the North river—Report that in their Opinion permission ought to be given them, inasmuch as they have been prohibited from making use of the Minetto sewer, and also as that they have no other means of disposing of the wash and waste water of their Establishment, and should they not be permitted to build a sewer through Perry St. they must of necessity abandon their present business, and incur a ruinous loss—your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

[110] Resolved, That Messrs Richards & Taylor be permitted to build a Sewer in Perry Street, from the Eagle distillery, to the Hudson river of such form and size and in such manner as shall be directed by the Canal Committee

respectfully Submitted by

(Signed) George S. Doughty
Alpheus Sherman

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Joseph Green for permission to let a Small Building at Spring Street Basin remain in its present situation reported in favour of the same as follows, viz,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Green, for permission to let a small Building which he had inadvertently removed and placed on the space of Ground reserved for a passage or Cartway at Spring Street Basin—Report, that the ground on which the Building alluded to in the petition appears to have been reserved for a Cart way in the grant made to Lewis Lorton, until West Street should be made, that the Slip or Basin occupying the whole of West Street at that place and will not probably be required to be filled up for many years to come, and as the petitioner has so widened the Cartway [111] in front of his premises that the passage is rendered much more commodious than formerly and before the removal of his Building a few feet in advance from where it formerly stood

Your Committee are of the opinion that no possible evil can result by permitting the Building to remain in its present situation and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the building alluded to in the foregoing report be permitted to remain where it now stands

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving the side walks in Crosby St. from Howard to Broome Street reported in favour of the Same as follows, Viz.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter Williams and others that the side walks in Crosby Street between Howard & Broome Streets may be directed to be paved, Report that in the Opinion of the Committee, the request of the petitioners should be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners [112] be granted.

Jacob B, Taylor
Signed. Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following Report on the account of the Treasurer & of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund which was directed to be filed,

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that he has received from the Tresurer, an account of Receipts and payments for Six Months to the first Instant—Also an Account of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund, for the same period; and finds them correct.

(Signed) G N Bleecker Comptroller

He also presented the following stating the amount paid into the Treasury for Alien passengers which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that the amount paid into the Treasury, for Commutation of Alien passengers, for the quarter ending the 31[st] October last is $435.

G. N. Bleecker Comptroller

[113] The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies,

Hook & Ladder Company N° 2.

John Shaddle—Baker—N° Lispenard St.
Vice—Benjamin D Yates—Joined another Comp^y

Fire Engine Company N° 2.

Henry Uested—House Carpenter—Eldridge n^r Grand,
Vice—Dennis Cornell—Resigned
Martin Flock—Rope Maker—363 Broome St,
Vice—John Carr—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 7

Varnum S Mills—Brush Maker—Pearl Street
Vice—Frederick Bogardus—Resigned
William Koyler—Printer—277 Pearl Street
Vice—James M Rose—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 16

Alfred L Winans—Cartman—57 Robinson St.
Vice—Edward G Billington—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 17

Phillip Loughlin—Pump & Blk. Maker—Orchard St.
Vice—Bradley S. St John—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 19

Philip Smith—Cartman—Delancy N^r Allen St.
Vice—Gordon Florentine—Left the City

Fire Engine Company N° 25

Edward Franklin—Accountant—Broome St.
Vice—Sam^l J Vandervoort—Resigned

[114] Fire Engine Company N° 39

Edward B Young—Cabinet Maker—Reed St.
Vice—John C. Tallman—Resigned
Abraham Frost—Grocer—N Fulton St.
Vice—George E. Richard—Resigned
Hartman Vreeland—Grocer—N Fulton St.
Vice—James Wood—Resigned
Smith Brinkerhoff—Cabinet maker—Orange St.
Vice—William W Young—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 40

William Deforrest—Butcher—113 Forsyth St.
Vice—Patrick M^cArdill—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 42

Jacob Becker—Copper Smith— 69 Mulberry St.
Vice—William D Murphy—Resigned
James Jones—Porter—9 Bayard St
Vice—John Adams—Left the City

Fire Engine Company N° 43.

Richard Crawford—Wheelwright—Manhattan Ville
Vice—William Depeyster—Resigned
Robert *Oughton* [Houghton]—Carpenter—Manhattan Ville
Vice—Epenetus Doughty—Resigned
Henry H Barrow—Manufacturer—Manhattan Ville
Vice—Arthur M^cArthur—Resigned
Ellet Cohu—Grocer—Manhattan Ville
Vice—John Cohoe—Resigned
Samuel Hays—Grocer—Manhattan Ville
Vice—Stephen Richard—Resigned
[115] Joseph Hague—Baker—Manhattan Ville
Vice—Lawrence Barrow—Resigned.

The Attorney reported that the Supreme Court had at its present session confirmed the Report made to them by the Commissioners of Estimate in the case of Greene & Wooster Streets and of One hundred & fourteenth Street.

Whereupon the Same was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Taylor presented a resolution directing that Greene Street be paved from Bleecker to Fourth St. and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same, which was also referred to the Street Committee.

The Attorney made a communication on the subject of a Deed to the House of Refuge accompanied with a conveyance to them which were referred to the Finance Committee

The Attorney presented the following, viz. The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports, that the Associates of the Jersey Company having amended their Bill in the Court of Equity, in which the Corporation are, with others, made defendants, it has become necessary and proper to amend [116] the answer already filed, The amend-

ment is therefore reported to the Board, and authority is respectfully requested by the Attorney to amend the Answer accordingly

Respectfully Submitted

M, Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the amended Answer was directed to be duly authenticated.

The Attorney presented the following. viz. The Attorney herewith respectfully presents for execution a Lease of Lots N° 25 & N° 26 of the Common Lands, to William Love for 14 Years from 1st May 1825, at the rent of $170 per Annum, This Lease has been made out by the direction of the Comptroller

Respectfully Submitted

M, Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the Leases were directed to be duly executed.

The Attorney presented a Deed to George Warner Esqr for a strip or gore of Land agreeably to a Resolution of 25th October last. whereupon the said Deed was directed to be duly executed.

[117] The Street Commissioner presented for approval profiles of Pike Street and Bancker St with the proposed regulation drawn thereon—which were referred to the Street Committee

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving the side Walks in Rhynder Street from Hester to Grand St. which was passed and Benjamin Prince, Abraham Dally and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

Also for paving the side Walks in Crosby Street from Howard to Broome Street which was passed and Isaac Kip—Cary Dunn Junr and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner also presented an Assessment for repaving Chatham St from Pearl to James St. and Orange Street from Chatham towards Cross Street which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector thereof

Also an Assessment for regulating and paving Wooster Street from Canal to Broome Street which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed collector

Also an Assessment for regulating and repaving Peck Slip Street between Front and [118] Water Street which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp appointed Collector

Also Assessments for Regulating Christopher, Amos, Charles, Perry and Factory Streets which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed, viz,

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, Viz,

No						
	1	Harman Le Roy	Owner	47	Chamber St	A privy
	2	Do	"	49	"	"
	3	John Lang	"		Broadway	A Lot
	4	A L Stewart	"		"	"
	5	Geo. Suckley	"		"	"
	6	Geo. Lovett	"		"	"
	7	J McComb	"		"	"
	8	S Bradhurst	"		"	"
	9	Henry Remsen	"		"	"
	10	E. W Laight	"		"	"
	11	M Clarkson	"		"	"
	12	David S Jones	"		"	"
	13	G & R Waite	"		"	"
	14	David S Jones	"		"	"
	15	A L Norwood	"		"	"
	16	[119] Ll Wells	"		"	"
	17	Saml Jones	"		"	"
	18	Dd S Jones	"		"	"
	19	Geo Lorillard	"		"	"

Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

The Superintendant of Repairs (Jacob P Roome) reported that the Blacksmiths Shop in the public yard was in a decayed State and recommend that a new one be built—which was referred to the Committee on Repairs with authority

The Recorder presented a Resolution for paying a Salary to the Keeper of the City Hall which was referred to the Committee on public Offices.

Alderman Wyckoff presented a resolution referring to the Street Committee to report their Opinion of recommending to the proprietors of ground on east Side of Maiden Lane between Front & South Streets to advance their front line so as to range with the Street between Pearl & Front Street on condition that they recede there rear line the same distance so as to widen Fletcher Street—which was referred accordingly to the Street Committee

[120] Alderman Wyckoff presented a Resolution authorising and requiring the Street Commissioner to sell at public Auction the House of David S Bogart in William Street standing on the Lot formerly owned by him and which Lot was taken by the Commissioners for ex-

tending Garden Street and Slote Lane together with the other buildings on said Lot subject to be removed by the purchasers within ten days Which Resolution was adopted.

Alderman King presented a Resolution stating that as doubts were entertained whether the Act relative to Excise & Tavern Licenses was sufficient to restrain persons selling without License, and requesting the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to enquire and report whether any and what alterations are necessary to be made in the said Act to render it effectual in its provisions—Which being read was accordingly referred to the said Committee.

[121] The Comptroller made the following report. Viz.

Balance as p^{r} Account 25th October		63.08
Received for Rents		4749.62
Do " Streets		3327.95
Do " Justices Courts		642.49
Do " Wells & pumps		263.13
Do " Fines &c Sheriff		142.
Do " Fines &c Attorney		23.36
Do " Mayoralty fees		95.25
Do " Commutation Alien passengers		35.
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 23 Feb^{y} last	32300.	
		$41.641.88

81 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2^{d} "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3^{d} "	645.75
W^{m} Paulding Jun^{r} Mayor 1 Qr Salary 26 October	750.
Jacob Morton Clerk Common Council 1. Qr Salary 1 Inst.	362.50
John Burger regulating 4 public Clocks 1 Qr " "	50.
Obadiah Ayres Ass^{t} City Inspec^{r} 1 Mo "	45.50
John Coffin " Do 1 " "	45.50
Astin & Higbie Messengers 1 " "	52.
W^{m} Schureman Keeper Pottersfield 1 " "	38.75
Charles Gilman " Battery 1 " "	31.
Andrew M^{c}Cready " Park 1 " "	31.
O Jaques Street Inspector 1 Ward 1 Mo 1 Inst	31.
P Wright Do 2 " " "	31.
T. Jeroleman Do 3 " " "	31.
[*121] N B Lyon Street Inspec^{r} 4 Ward 1 Mo 1 Inst	31.
A Ackerman " " 5 " 1 " "	31.
W Kerr " " 6 " 1 " "	31.
B Fuller " " 7 " 1 " "	31.
S. Hutchings " " 8 " 1 " "	31.
D Hubbard " " 10 " 1 " "	31.

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Abr[m] Martling Keeper City Hall Expences of Corporation 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	197.07
Peter A Jay Counsel fee Case of Law Interm[ts].....	100.
J Coffin Ass[t] City Inspec[r] removing Nuisances 1 Qr 1 Inst.	40.18
J Morton for Coach hire & sundry charges paid by him....	16.12
J Pinckney Ass[t] Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	45.50
B. Hicks Do " " "	45.50
John J Howe Phisician C[y] Prison 1 Q[r] 1 Ins.....	75.
L Baum Clk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 Ins.....	64.42
J Bremner " Catharine " " "	57.
P. Amerman " Six " " "	54.50
G Duryea " Fulton " " "	41.67
R Smith " Franklin " " "	38.75
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton " " "	38.50
Abr[m] Leggett Super[s] & Work Mud Machine 12 Days 7[th] Inst.....	111.58
J. Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Q[r] Sal[y] 1 Ins.....	400.
E Morrill Do 4 6 " 1 " " "	400.
H Meigs Do 5. 8 " 1 " " "	400.
[*] H. Scovill Justice 7. 10 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst.....	400.
D M Cowdrey Clerk of Court 1. 2 3 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Instant	187.50
G Betts Clk of Court 4. 6 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Ins.	187.50
J Campbell Do 5. 8 " " " "	187.50
W[m] H Smith Do 7. 10 " " " "	187.50
W Sherwood Rent for Court 1, 2, 3 " 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	37.50
Abr[m] Knapp do 4. 6 " " "	25.
S. Downing do 7. 10 " " "	25.
John Y Cebra & Inspectors Election 1 Ward.....	68.
Abr[m] Cargill & Do " 2[d] "	52.
J. B. Schmelzel & Do " 5 "	60.
A Surre & Do " 6 "	68.
A Dally & Do " 7 "	68.
J Aims & Do " 8 "	60.
T Morris & Do " 9 "	60.
R Clark & Do " 10 "	75.
P H Wendover Sheriff for Officers attending Courts 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	996.25
S Montgomery for Officers Serving Subpoenas 1 Qr 1 Inst.	250.87
John P. Roome Crier of Court of Sessions 1 Qr 3[d] Inst...	50.
P, H Wendover Sheriff for Dep[ys] Conveying persons to Penitentiary 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	23.50
P & H Van Pelt Printing 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	170.75
John Tiebout Stationary 6 Months 1 Inst.....	149.87
[123] Job Coleman 34 Casks Oil.....	1000.37
G Snethen Light[s] Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	670.16
R. Provoost repairing Lamps " "	111.33.
J Van Duser Work at " 1 Qr "	52.50

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Heirs of Jacobus Quick Award for Opening 5th Street from 1 to 3 Avenue	1200.	
Nichs W Stuyvesant Award for opens 5th Street from 1 to 3 Avenue	581.	
J, Culbert Acct. reg & pav Canal St from Hudson to Greenwich Street	550.	
C Coles bal. reg & pav Columbia Street from Rivington to Stanton	384.32	
M DeCamp in full for Collecting unsettled Accts. of John G. Betts	274.86	
S Fargay Acct. reg & pav Chatham Street from Tryon row to Broadway	130.	
R Pettigrew Acct. reg & pav Watts St from Canal. to Greenwich St	100.	
A H Mooney Bal reg & repav Thomas St from Hudson to Chapel	68.31	
S J. Isaacs, Prin & Int. Canal St Sewer	34.78	
Amos Corning Surveys & Maps 1 Jany to 1 Octr	671.	
A H Mooney Corporn part reg & pav Rutgers Slip	349.14	
S Fargay pav Sidewalks Corner Nassau and John Street	18.76	
[124] George Charlton bal for Well Bleecker St. near Mott Street	89.25	
H Smith Bal. flagging Walk at Battery	943.01	
Geo T Trimble Treasr Free School Society Annual payment	1500.	
A Burtis Superr Repairs Alms House	5000.	
J Fleming Treasr to pay Interest on City Stock 1 Qr 1 Inst.	18,500.	
		26.032.26
Balance		$85.88

The Board adjourned

[*] In Common Council. November 22d 1824

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Samuel Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	Wm Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thoms T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

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A Petition of William A Davis praying compensation for having been compelled by order of the Corporation to remove from his House N° 30 William Street for the purpose of Opening Garden Street and Sloat Lane was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[126] A Petition of Lewis Whitney for Office of Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Elizabeth Duryee to be relieved from a personal Tax imposed on her was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Joseph Depew for permission to place an Iron railing adjourning his house at the corner of Varick & Beach St. The railing to be placed in Beach St. was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A Petition of John E Nexsen for Office of City Guager was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A request by Silvanus Miller in behalf of Herman Vossburgh for leave to Mortgage Lots N° 104 & part of N° 105 adjoining the Lot corner of C[h]atham & Duane St. was referred to the Finance Committee

A request of J G Swift and the other Commissioners, under the Law of April 1823 requesting that their former informal communication and the Maps therewith presented [*128] may be referred back to them was read and the request directed to be complied with

A report was received from the Chamberlain stating that one of the Incorporated Companies of the City had refused to pay the Taxes agreeably to Law which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

An Invitation of Major Gen[l] Morton to the Corporation to the Review of the Corps of Artillery on 25[th] Inst. at One Oclock in front of City Hall was read & accepted

A Letter was received from Thomas Franklin Esq[r] Chief Engineer resigning his Offices as Chief Engineer which was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition from Fire Engine C° N° 15 stating that the present situation of their Engine House is not a permanent one and praying another may be provided for them and recommending as a suitable place Lot N° 42 Pump St. was read & referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Robert M Livingston for relief from fine & Judgement [129] thereon in three several suits on Ordinances respecting

*Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

filling in certain lots—alledging as a reason for relief that he was the only person that was ordered to fill in the Lots though all the other Lots in the vicinity were similarly situated—The same having been read was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition from the Firemen of Supply Engine Company was received stating that at the late fires their Resevoire or Well was exhausted that the water contained in their Well is discharged by their Engine in 45 Minutes—they therefore propose that another well of certain dimensions may be sunk which will give a supply for the Engine for 3 hours & 46 Minutes—the same being read was referred to the Committee, on the fire Department with authority

A Petition for a Well & pump corner of Amity Street and the 6th Avenue was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition that the side Walks in Grand Street be paved from Varrick to Sullivan St. was referred to the Street Committee

[130] A Petition of James Rider to be Licensed as a Cartman was referred to his Honor the Mayor.

A Petition for a Well and pump in B[l]eecker St. near Minetto Street was read and Resolved that the prayer be granted

A Petition of Benjamin McGinnis for further time to remove the Building No 30 William Street required for the Opening of Garden Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward with authority

A remonstrance from Stephen Roe and others against widening Herring Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants against paving the side walks in Crosby Street the present Season, was referred to the Street Committee.

A further Memorial from Monsieur Dupius Delearue on the subject of erecting a National Monument in honor of American worthies was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

[131] The Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Attorney and Delancy Sts. reported in favour of the Same as follows.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10 Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of William Graham and Others for a Well & Pump near the Intersection of Delancy & Attorney Streets—Report That in their Opinion the request of the peti-

tioners ought to be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of petitioners be granted

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Attorney on the subject of a Deed to the House of Refuge reported in favour of executing the same

The Attorney respectfully Reports to the Board that having been applied to by C D, Colden, Esquire in behalf of the Managers of the Society for the reformation of Juvenile Delinquents in this City for a Deed or Release from the Corporation (agreeably to their [132] Resolution of the 1st of March 1824, a Copy of which is annexed hereto) of the piece of ground lying at the junction of the Bloomingdale and the old post roads, and the triangular plot of ground in front, he has prepared the necessary conveyance of the same to the said Managers, and submits the same to the Board, in order that if approved, it may be directed to be executed, The Board will obse[r]ve that by the Resolution, they have agreed to execute a conveyance for the premises when the said Managers shall have obtained their conveyance from the General Government. The Agreement for a Conveyance which the Managers have obtained, and which they consider sufficient and within the meaning of the Resolution, is herewith also presented. The managers have been put in actual possession of the premises by the General Government, and have paid them Two Thousand Dollars, and given their Bond for Four thousand, the residue of the consideration money.

In order however to avoid all difficulty as to the sufficiency of this conveyance, the Attorney has introduced a proper Condition in the Release from this Board to the said Managers, which is herewith submitted for Execution

[133] Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the Subject of the Deed to the House of Refuge, and the Attorney's report thereon, That the execution of the Deed ought to take place, agreeably to said Report, the deed being drawn up in such a manner as to carry into effect the resolution of this Board on the subject—The Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, That his honor the Mayor authenticate the conveyance to the Managers of the Society for the reformation of Juvenile Delinquents.

Reuben Munson
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Whereupon the Deed was directed to be duly executed.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Hannah Murray for the purchase of a Gore of Land in Green Street reported that the offer of purchase should be first made to the Heirs of *Martin* [Marcellus] M Van Geison Deceased as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Petition of Hannah Murray [134] for a Gore or strip of Land in Green Street near Canal Street, containing about 100 square feet—That it has been discovered, since this petition was presented, that the grant, if made, ought, according to the practice of this board, to be first offered to the heirs of Marcellus M Van Geison, who are the Owners of the fee of the adjourning land, whereas Mrs. Murray is but a lessee That the parties have therefore agreed that if the Board will sell the said Gore, the conveyance is to be made out to the said heirs—Your Committee are of the Opinion that the said Gore ought to be sold to the said heirs for the sum of Twenty five Dollars, and therefore offer for the Consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare the usual Deed to the heirs of M. M Van Geisen above referred to for the said Gore of Land, for the consideration of $25 and the expences of the Deed and Maps

Reuben Munson
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[135] The Finance Committee on the Petition of Thomas H Smith for Water Grant at Brooklyn, and on the remonstrance of Comfort Sands against said Grant presented the following report, recommending the Grant to be made to Thomas H Smith.

The Finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed Petition of Thomas H Smith for a Water Grant at Brooklyn, and the remonstrance of Comfort Sands—That Mr Smith asks for a Grant of the land between high and low water marks, between Adams and Jay Streets at Brooklyn—and that Mr Sands objects thereto because he

says that in 1788, the Corporation agreed to grant the same to him, Your Committee have no reason, at this time, to detail the grounds upon which the board has always considered said claim of M^r^ Sands as without the least foundation, It is sufficient to say, that such has always been the Opinion of this Board, and that they have acted thereon in making the grants at Brooklyn, and that your Committee see no good reason for recommending a change in the course heretofore pursued by the Board on this subject—They therefore report, for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare the usual grant to Thomas H Smith for the [136] above premises containing the usual covenants and Stipulations, and at the existing rates of quit, and the usual expences,

Reuben Munson
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
W^m^ H Ireland
W^m^ Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Butchers who held Stalls in the late Fly Market praying compensation for loss of said Stalls by removal of the Market presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed Petition of certain Butchers formerly holding Stalls or Stands in the old Fly Market. That the petitioners pray that this Board, under the circumstances of their cases, would be pleased to treat with them, and to arrange with them as to the compensation which they ask for. It appears that in the year 1796 these butchers Stalls were sold at Auction, and purchased by the petitioners, or by those under whom they hold—These 14 Stalls sold for £3470—On the one hand, the butchers [*] claim that they were entitled to these Stalls in fee, and the Market never to be removed—On the other hand, this board has always believed that no other estate was sold than for the lives of the original purchasers, but determinable whenever the Corporation should think proper to remove the Old Market—In the year 1822, the Fly Market was pulled down, the Fulton Market then being completed. The petitioners then, or some of them, commenced suits against this corporation for damages. On the Trial of one of those suits, (that brought by David Seaman) a verdict of $600, was found for the Plaintiff; and under all the circumstances of that Case, your Committee did not deem it advisable to recommend any further defence in

* New page, not numbered.—ED.

that suit, Since that Trial the petition now reported on, was presented to the board, and referred to your Committee, and they have had interviews with the petitioners and their Counsel Peter A Jay Esquire and have treated respecting an amicable settlement of the matters in question, The result is, that your Committee have concluded to recommend to the Board to allow to the Petitioners, the amount paid for the Stalls which they held at the time the Market was pulled down, together with interest from that time to the present

[138] And the petitioners have agreed to accept this compensation, together with their expences, which also your Committee have agreed should be allowed to them—Your Committee have been induced to recommend this liberal settlement towards the petitioners not only because of the verdict of the jury before referred to, but principally from the peculiar hardship of the cases of some of the petitioners, who paid very large sums of money for these Stalls to others from whom they purchased, and not long before the Market was pulled down,—It is true, that this board have not been parties to these transfers in but few instances, and in none, as your Committee believe, did they ever countenance the idea that the purchaser was to hold beyond the life of the original purchaser by auction, But these are questions that your Committee do not mean to enlarge upon, They have met the Claimants in a spirit of liberality and amity, and have concluded to recommend a compromise to the Board, as before stated, and with the express understanding on both sides, that in case this proposition should not be accepted by the board, neither this report, nor such proposition, nor any thing that has taken place in regard thereto, shall [*] be considered as prejudicing any rights on either side.

The case of Seaman being disposed of as above stated, the claims of 13 of the Stalls in question alone remain—and the annexed statement shews the numbers of the Stalls sold at Auction, which the petitioners either bought then, or purchased since; it also shews the names of the petitioners; the amount paid for each Stall; the amount of Interest on each Sum, the total amount of each claim and (adding the expences agreed to be allowed as before stated) it makes a total sum of $10.272 $^{46}/_{100}$.

Your Committee therefore offer for the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, That in case all the petitioners shall on or before the next meeting of this board, make and execute a proper release or releases in the premises, which shall be considered sufficient by the

* New page, not numbered.—ED.

Finance Committee (who may require security in any instances that they may think proper.) the Comptroller shall report a Warrant in favour of Peter A Jay Esquire for the total sum above named; and which shall be delivered to Mr Jay, on his delivering to the Comptroller the said releases [140] and his receipt for the amount

Signed Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Daniel P Ingraham for a grant of a piece of Marsh opposite his ground reported in favour of the same which was read and after some discussion was referred back to the Finance Committee.

The Market Committee on the petition of the Fishermen of Washington Market praying a wooden floor may be put down in place of the present one which is of Brick reported against the Petition as follows.

The Market Committee, to whom was referred, the petition of the Fishermen of Washington Market representing that the floor is composed of Brick and that in Wet or Stormey weather it is extremely disagreeable and unhealthy, which might be remedied by putting down a wooden one.

Report, that the Brick floor of that Market was put down at very considerable expence and that other [141] Markets have since been erected the floors of which have been laid of the same materials and no complaint from any others have been made; it is not deemed necessary therefore to go to the great expence, of removing those floors to replace them with wood—Your Committee are of the opinion that the evil complained of, by the fishermen might be remedied by their making movable platforms of the size of their fish stands to be placed under their feet and without any inconvenience to the Market.

The following Resolution is proposed.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Respectfully presented

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Philip Hone
William H Ireland
Thomas Bolton
Thomas T Woodruff

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee also presented a Law entitled a Law to regulate Weighing in Fulton Market which was passed under that Title—and was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

[142] The Market Committee on the petition of sundry persons for the Office of Weigher in the Fulton Market presented the following Report recommending William Ostrander to said Office.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petitions of Wm Ostrander, Thomas Place, John Langdon, Henry W Thorne and John Morris for the appointment of Weigh Master in the Fulton Market.

Report, that the applicants are all well recommended, and your Committee have been almost unable to select from amongst them, they have presented all the names to the Board and believe no one better qualified than William Ostrander who they beg leave to Offer for the appointment.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
Thom[s] Bolton
Thom[s] T Woodruff

Which was approved and it was thereupon Resolved, That William Ostrander be and he is hereby appointed to the Office of Weigh Master in Fulton Market.

[143] The Canal Committee to whom was referred the subject of cleansing the Public Sewers reported as follows.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred a Resolution inquiring into the expediency of causing the common Sewers to be cleansed at particular periods, and the manner of cleansing them; Report that in their opinion the principal sewers should be cleansed once in every year, between the first of November and the first of January, and that the Cess-pools, in the Culverts be cleansed once in every month, and that the prisoners of the Penitentiary be employed for that purpose, for which the following Resolution is offered.

Resolved, That, the Keeper of the Penitentiary furnish a suitable number of Convicts and a keeper, for cleansing the Common sewers whenever in the opinion of the Street Commissioner they may require it, and that the main Sewers be cleansed at least once in every

year and that the Cess-pools in the principal Culverts once in every month.

Thomas T Woodruff
T. Seymour
(Signed) Sam[l] Cowdrey
Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

[144] The Committee on Lands and Places to whom was referred the Lease of Castle Clinton, the Petition of the proposed Lessees and a Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants against the Lease presented the following Report

The Committee on Lands and Places, to whom the Lease of Castle Clinton was referred, together with a petition of the Lessees, and a remonstrance of certain Inhabitants of the first Ward, respecting the same, respectfully report, that they have amended the Lease, so as to meet the wishes of the Lessees, and at the same time preserve the rights of the Board, and they have also agreed to accept a Bond from the Lessees binding themselves to abide the reasonable orders and directions of the Mayor of the City in all things touching the management of the premises leased to them by the Corporation. This will obviate all reasonable objections as to the establishment in question— The Lease, as agreed to, is herewith submitted to the Board, and the Bond is to be made and executed before the Lease is to be delivered— Your Committee therefore offer for the Consideration of the Board the following [145] resolution

Resolved, That the amended Lease be engrossed and executed by his Honor the Mayor, and delivered to the Lessees upon their executing the counterpart thereof; and a Bond in the penalty of $2000 ,and conditioned as aforesaid, and also not to suffer the premises to be used as a Ball room or for dancing without the Mayors permission; and that they will not suffer gaming of any kind to take place on the premises, or any Billiard or other gaming table to be kept there

Sam[l] St John
Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Jacob B Taylor
William Burtsell
Elisha W King

Whereupon the same was approved and the Lease was directed to be duly executed.

The Committee on Streets to whom had been referred the Resolution respecting paving the Public Streets of the City and the Law thereon, reported by the Attorney presented the following Report.

The Street Committee respectfully report [146] that they have examined the Law respecting the paving of the public Streets in the City of New York, as made out by the Attorney. Your Committee have amended and corrected the same to the Board, and respectfully recommend its passage.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Samuel St John
Philip Hone

Whereupon the Law was passed under the Title of a Law respecting the paving of the Public Streets in the City of New York and was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

The Street Committee on the report of the Attorney respecting opening Green Wooster and 114 Streets. reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the report of the Counsel to this Board on the subject of opening Greene, Wooster and One Hundred and fourteenth Streets Report their opinion in the following resolutions.

Resolved, that the opening of Greene Street and Wooster Street from [147] Bleecker Street to Fourth Street, be postponed until the first day of December next

Resolved, That the opening of the One Hundred & fourteenth Street from the Third Avenue to Haerlem River, be postponed until, and shall take place on the first day of April next.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Samuel St. John
Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for regulating Greene St. reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for regulating Greene Street from Bleecker Street to Fourth

Street Report, that in their Opinion, it is expedient that such regulation should be made and in order that the same may be carried into effect, they submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That Greene Street be filled up and regulated from Bleecker Street to Fourth Street, and that an Ordinance [148] be passed accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Sam St. John.

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of opening a Street from Grand St to the East river presented a Report which after some discussion was laid for further consideration—and the Street Commissioner was directed to advertise the same, as also the proposed opening a Street from Grand to Sheriff Street.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Profiles presented by the Street Commissioner for the regulation of Pike & Bancker Streets reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of fixing a regulation on the Profiles of Pike and Bancker Streets, presented by the Street Commissioner Report, that they have examined the same, and drawn the line of regulation thereon, the which in their Opinion ought to be adopted, and accordingly they [149] present the following resolution

Resolved, that the regulation of Pike and Bancker Streets be in conformity with the lines drawn thereon, and which are herewith presented

Jacob B Taylor
Reuben Munson
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

Whereupon the Resolution was adopted and the Profiles approved.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred the Petition to have an Engine House placed near Essex Market and also the Petition of Engine Companies N° 30 and N° 37 presented a Report which was referred to the Market and Finance Committee.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom were referred several Petitions for the removal of the Fire Engine House from the vicinity of Market Slip reported as follows.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred several petitions from the Owners of property and other Inhabitants [150] residing in the vicinity of Market Slip stating that they are much inconvenienced by the Engine House standing in said Slip, owing to the great quantity of filth and offencive matter continually collecting about that building and praying to have the same removed—Report that they have for a length of time seen the necessity of having Engine N° 22 stationed at Market Slip removed, but being unable to find a suitable place without incurring too great an expence has prevented your Committee from before reporting on the subject, but, as it has now become necessary to find a place for Engine N° 15 at present placed on the ground of Samuel Stilwell at an annual rent of $40 who has requested to have it removed, as he wishes to improve his property—has induced your Committee to recommend the purchase of a piece of Ground selected by them situate on Ludlow Street which can be had at $850 the size 25 feet front and 87½ feet deep, and to cause a suitable building to be erected thereon for the accommodation of the above Machines, Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolutions

[151] Resolved, That the Finance Committee purchase the above Lot or some other in that vicinity at a price not exceeding $850.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of repairs under the direction of the Committee on the fire department cause the necessary building to be erected on such Lot as may be purchased for that purpose

Signed, Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover
Jameson Cox

Which was approved & the resolutions adopted

The Committee on Applications for Office on the petition of James Rikeman for Office of City Guager reported in his favour as follows

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the petition of James Rikeman for the Office of City Guager beg leave to report that, feeling disposed to grant it they offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that James Rikeman be and is hereby appointed City Guager.

(Signed) T Seymour,
Geo. S. Doughty
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and it was Resolved [152] that James Rikeman be and he is hereby appointed a City Guager.

His Honor the Mayor presented a Report from the Board of Supervisors on the Subject of the account of the Assessors of the several Wards of the City for their services and also on subject of their future compensation which was read and after some discussion referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the subject of the late Charter Election for Assistant in the 5th Ward whereon there was an equality of votes between William Burtsell the present Assistant of said Ward and James R. Manly presented the following Report expressing their opinion that the present Assistant should hold over until the next annual Election.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of the late Charter Election in the 5th Ward in relation to the Assistant Alderman report—That James R Manly and William Burtsell the present assistant were the Candidates voted for at said [153] election for Assistant Alderman, and each having an equal number of votes there was no choice—On examining the Charter of the City and the Statue Law relative to the subject, it appears that the Board have the power of ordering elections only in four cases, as follows, Viz—Where a Member refuses to serve—Dies—removes out of the City and County—or is legally disqualified and in either of these cases the office is declared to be vacant, and an election is ordered to fill such vacancy.

But in a case like the present where the candidates have an equal number of Votes, no provision is made for another election, as the Office is not considered vacant; the Charter declaring in express words that the members duly elected "shall continue in the respective Offices from the time of their being sworn until other fit persons be elected and sworn in their respective places." Hence it appears satisfactorily to your Committee that there is no power in the Board to order a new election but that the present Assistant Alderman for the 5th Ward is not only authorized but bound to serve in his Office for the ensuing year and until the next annual election—The words of the charter are imperative.

[154] This position of the Committee is in conformity with the precedents and practice of former Boards—The following cases referred to, as appearing upon our minutes, present two singular instances, directly applicable to the present case, and arising in the same ward.

In Common Council Tuesday 3d October 1797 present James Kent Esquire Recorder, Daniel Hitchcock a candidate for the Office of As-

sistant of the late election in the 5th Ward for Charter Officers, challenged the seat of Philip J Arcularius returned duly elected to said Office, on the ground that illegal votes had been given for him at such election which if deducted from his number would leave a majority of legal Votes for the petitioner Whereupon the Board proceeded to scrutiny and after deducting the illegal votes which appeared on both sides, it left each candidate with an equal number—The Mayor therefore proceeded to swear the Members, except Mr Arcularius who was adjudged to continue in his office and hold over until the next annual election—Mr Arcularius was a member at the time of the election

The following extract from the minutes will shew the result of the then [155] next annual election in the same ward between the same candidates.

In Common Council October 2d 1798 R. Varick Mayor present and Richard Harison Recorder From the poll list of the 5th Ward it appeared that Philip J Arcularius and Daniel Hitchcock, as candidates for the Office of Assistant Alderman, each had an equal number of Votes—Whereupon the Board determined that there being no election for said Office, Mr Arcularius continue in the office and hold over for the next ensuing Year.

Under these circumstances your Committee recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, that William Burtsell the present Assistant Alderman for the 5th Ward hold over and continue in said Office, until some fit person be elected and sworn in his stead, at the next annual election for Charter Officer in the City

(Signed) Alpheus Sherman
Elisha W. King
Thomas Bolton.

Whereupon the Resolution proposed was adopted—and the same was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

[156] The Committee on Public Offices on the Petition of Abraham B Martling Keeper of the Hall in relation to a compensation for his services presented the following report

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of Abraham B Martling praying that a suitable salary be allowed to him as Keeper of the City Hall Respectfully Report

That heretofore the Office of Crier of the several Courts of Law has been held by the Keeper of the Hall the emoluments of which with a Salary of Four Hundred Dollars afforded an adequate compensation

to the Incumbent But as the Office of Crier is now enjoyed by another individual it becomes the duty of the Common Council to provide a suitable compensation for the Keeper. In Estimating that compensation your Committee have taken into consideration that his station is one of no small responsibility and from the natures of his duties it is indispensable that he should have a family, and domestics whose services are in a great degree devoted to the Public—With these impressions your Committee are of Opinion that the present Keeper ought to receive an annual Salary of Eight Hundred Dollars to be computed from the time [157] he entered upon the duties of his Office, and for that purpose your Committee submit for the consideration of the Common Council the following resolution.

Resolved, that Abraham B Martling Keeper of the City Hall be allowed a Salary of Eight hundred Dollars per Annum, to be paid Quarterly and to be computed from the time he entered upon the duties of that station

All which is respectfully submitted

E W King
Sam[l] St. John
Signed, S Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
Jameson Cox

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of the several Street Inspectors reported as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of the several Street Inspectors praying an additional compensation for services performed under the direction of his Honor the Mayor, in relation to unlicensed venders of spirituous liquors, Report that inasmuch as the services mentioned in the petition were not contemplated at the time the Salary of the petitioners was settled, it is but fair in the Opinion of your Committee that some [158] addition should be made to their Compensation Instead of making to them an allowance in gross for their past services, your Committee recommend that those services be continued and that they be allowed 12½ Cents per day in addition to their present compensation for which purpose your Committee offer the subjoined Resolution

Resolved, That as a compensation for the extra services performed and to be performed by the several Street Inspectors under the direction of his Honor the Mayor and in pursuance of a former resolution

of this Board they be allowed the sum of 12½ Cents per day to be computed from the time such extra services commenced.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) E W King
Sam[l] St John
Sam[l] Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
Jameson Cox

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

Alderman Mann presented a Draught of a Law entitled a Law to amend a Law to regulate the lying of Vessels in the Slips and to regulate the rates of Wharfage which was passed—Alderman [159] Taylor gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration at the next meeting.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 2.

Charles A Whittingham Carpenter 69 Essex St.
Vice Daniel Wright Resigned

Samuel L Lord House Carpenter Prince & Mott St
Vice Philip H Brunsen Expelled.

Fire Engine Company N° 5

Peter Van Keuran Druggist 17 White St.
Vice Peter Guion Time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 12.

John L Banker Carpenter 187 Mulberry St.
Vice—Esick Wardell Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 13

Alfred Willis Clerk 22 Cherry St
Vice Joseph A Lawrence App[d] Fire Warden

Fire Engine Company N° 22

Thomas Fargo Ship Carpenter 209 Banker St
Vice Andrew Bell Resigned

George Mariner Grocer 141 Lumbardy St
Vice Moses Hemmenway Resigned

[160] Fire Engine Company N° 23

Charles M Holmes, Silversmith 99 Church St.
Vice William Jones Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 26

Richard Blanchard, Shipwright 351 Cherry St.
Vice Samuel Miller Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 30

Daniel M°Evers Shoe Maker 72 Norfolk St.
Vice John Chandler time Expired

William Peffers Laborer 11 Ludlow St.
Vice William Forshay time Expired

John Romaine Shoe Maker 97 Chrystie St.
Vice Andrew H Eddey Resigned

George Loft Rope Maker Delancy n^r^ Lewis
Vice John Leech Deceased

Fire Engine Company N° 34

Abraham G Depew Black Smith Vandam St.
Vice, Luke Concklin Resigned

Thomas Bloomer Mason South hampton road
Vice Samuel Woodward Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 36

William J Clap Umbrella Maker 236 Spring St
Vice Daniel Martling Time Expired

Moses Beadle Chandellar Greenwich St
Vice Aaron Remsen. left the City

[161] John Berdan Carpenter Charlton St.
Vice Ichabod Smith Left the City

Albert Berdan Carpenter Broome St.
Vice Cornelius Vanderbilt Left the City

Jacob Benson Carpenter 35 Vandam St.
Vice Jonathan Fox Left the City.

Fire Engine Company N° 37.

John Welsh Tallow Chandler 38 Elizabeth St
Vice Collin Campbell Resigned

Fire Hook & Ladder Company N° 1

Horatio Walker Clerk 251 William St.
Vice Jesse M°Laughlin Left the City

Fire Warden 4th Ward

Corns Agnew Merchant 313 Water St.

Vice Jos N Lord Time Expired

Fire Warden 7th Ward

James M Tuthill Grocer 20 Pike St.

Vice John Buckmaster Resigned.

The Attorney presented the following Report of a Lease to Isaac J Lockwood

The Attorney herewith respectfully reports for execution a Lease of all that certain lot of ground on the westerly side of Orange Street [162] between Pump and Hester Streets, designated on the Map of the property to be assessed for the expense of Collect Street Sewer as No 95, and on the map of Bayards east farm as No 612, which was sold pursuant to the Statue in such case made and provided, for non-payment of the Assessment for building a Sewer in Collect Street on the 18th Decemr 1821, to Isaac J Lockwood for Ten Years from the 18th December 1823. for the Sum of $20 55/100, and which has not been redeemed. The Lease has been made out by directions from the Assistant Street Commissioner

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for Opening 5th St Whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same.

He also presented a return of Delinquents of the following Assessment.

The Street Commissioner herewith covers Returns of Delinquents on Six several assessments in Order that Warrants may be issued to Noah Jarvis the [163] Collector thereof

respectfully submitted

R Graves

St. Commr

Assessments for

Paving Watts St. from Greenwich to Canal St.

Side Walks in Prince St from Brd Way to Bowery

Paving Canal St. from Hudson to Greenwich St.

Drain in Jacob & Ferry Streets

Mott Street Opening to Bleecker St.

Well & Pump in Rynder Street.

Whereupon a Warrant was directed to Issue to Noah Jarvis to collect the same.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Essex Street from Rivington to Stanton St which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Columbia Street from Grand to Rivington St. which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

Also an Assessment for Well & Pump in Suffolk Street near Delancy St. which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

[164] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed Viz. For filling up & pitching Greene St from Bleecker St to 4th St and John Salisbury Cary Dunn Junr & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well and pump in Bleecker Street near Minetto Street and Cary Dunn Junr Francis Peckwell and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well & pump in Attorney St. near Delancy St. and Abraham Dally Benjamin Prince & John Targee were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Samuel Ackerly presented the following Report.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the communication of Samuel Ackerly to this Common Council—Stating that, by the injudicious management of the Street Commissioner he had been compeled to pave the Side Walks in front of his three lots in Cherry Street the second time, within a few weeks" in reply to which begs leave to submit the following statement of facts—Some time in the months of April or May [165] last, Doctr Ackerly in compliance with notices which had been repeatedly served on him (some of them the year previous) did repair his walks as stated by him—subsequently and on the 19th day of July last. an Ordinance passed the Common Council directing Cherry Street to be repaved and the side walks laid between Pelham Street and Rutgers Slip—in performing which it became Necessary to widen the Side Walks and reset the Curbstones, some of which were too high, and others too low for the regulation of the Street—in front of Doctor Ackerly's Lots the Curb was lowered from four to Six inches—which rendered the Walk now that the Curb was lowered, much too high. and he was under the necessity of relaying them, at an expence of about $15—which sum he asks of the Corpora-

tion as an indemnity for what he calls the injudicious management of the Street Commissioner

The Street Commissioner is not aware, that he has in this instance transcended his duty, or managed the regulation of that Street injudiciously, he, however respectfully submits the subject to the consideration of the Common Council, and in their decision will cheerfully *acquire* [acquiesce]

[166] (Signed) R Graves
St. Commr

Whereupon the same was accepted, and directed to be filed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances—Viz.

No	1	T. Reynolds	Owner	101	Anthony St	A privy
	2	W Ogilvie	Do	102	Do	"
	3	D Haggerty	Do	105	Do	"
	4	Jennings & Cox	Do	113	Do	"
	5	D Williams	Do	115	Do	"
	6	T Costello	Do	120	Do	"
	7	J West	Do	121	Do	"
	8	H. Fisher	Do	122	Do	"
	9	J Healey	Do	129	Do	"
	10	J Hutson	Do	131	Do	"
	11	A Gilloon	Do	139	Do	"
	12	Pat Wade	Do	11	Augustus St	"
	13	J Dorsey	Do	17	Do	"
	14	G Janeway	Do	36	Do	"
	15	Wm Bannen	Do	39	Do	"
	16	Ths Wymbs	Do	41	Do	"
	17	Ths McGuire	Do	55	Do	"
	18	G B Abeel	Do	57	Do	"
	19	Js Copeland	Do	3	Cross St.	"
	20	[167] C. Crolius	Do	6	Do	"
	21	Widow Brannan	Do	26	Do	do
	22	P Morris	Do	30	Do	do
	23	Mrs Ellis	Do	31	Do	do
	24	Do	Do	33	Do	do
	25	Widow Thompson	Do	69	Do	do
	26	Do	Do	71	Do	do
	27	Do	Do	73	Do	do
	28	B Deforest	Do	84	Do	do
	29	R Walker	Do	6	Collect St.	do
	30	G Ludlow	Do	21	Do	do
	31	M Concklin	Do	29	Do	do

32	G Lorillard	Owner	55	Collect St.	A privy
33	Do	Do	57	Do	do
34	J Laughlin	Do	46	Duane St	do
35	Do	Do	43	Do	do
36	Js Waters	Do	48	Do	do
37	[Widow] Beekman	Do	88	Do	do
38	Jno E West	Do	86	Do	do
39	Josh Manning	Do	100	Do	do
40	E Ward	Do	8	Elm St	do
41	J Sparks	Do	18	Do	do
42	F B Lynch	Do	27	Do	do
43	Do	Do	27½	Do	do
44	C Hedges	Do	29	Do	do
45	W Colgate	Do	41	Do	do
46	J Wymbs	Do	58	Do	do
47	J Gilmartin	Do	98	Leonard St.	do
48	E Clark	Do	100	Do	do
49	[168] R Stoddart	Do	106	Do	do
50	Do	Do	120	Do	do
51	G Lorillard	Do	136	Do	do
52	Do	Do	138	Do	do
53	Do	Do	140	Do	do
54	R Stoddart	Do	142	Do	do
55	D McLaren	Do	145½	Do	do
56	G Lorillard	Do	148	Do	do
57	S Parks	Do	151	Do	do
58	Wm C French	Do	152	Do	do
59	Jno D Ditmis	Do	156	Do	do
60	B Wade	Do	11	Orange St	do
61	F L Vultee	Do	13	Do	do
62	Jno Parks	Do	15	Do	do
63	Mrs McMehan	Do	19&21	Do	do
64	C McIvers	Do	41	Do	do
65	J Alexander	Do	44	Do	do
66	Wm C French	Do	54	Do	do
67	Do	Do	56	Do	do
68	Edwd Patterson	Do	58	Do	do
69	Jno Waters	Do	60	Do	do
70	F. O Neil	Do	64	Do	do
71	J Duffie	Do	66	Do	do
72	D Deshay	Do	72	Do	do
73	M Brown	Do	79	Do	do
74	E [R] Remer	Do	98	Do	do
75	M Quackenbos	do	144	Do	do
76	Mary Mason	Do	154	Do	do
77.	J Thompson	Do	156	Do	do
78	[169] Mott & Weeks	Do	511	Pearl St.	Do
79	Henry Brooks	Do	513	Do	Do
80	Js Ackerman	Do	524	Do	Do

81	Js Brooks	Owner	526	Pearl St.	A privy
82	J Whitehead	Do	530	Do	Do
83	Do	Do	534	Do	Do
84	J Bull	Do	535	Do	Do
85	S McCauley	Do	550	Do	Do
86	J Williams	Do	551	Do	Do
87	F Mabie	Do	552	Do	Do
88	S Parker	Do	554	Do	Do
89	Mrs Derrickson	Do	558	Do	Do
90	D Ensley	Do	559	Do	Do
91	Mrs Ackerman	Do	560	Do	Do
92	Wm Bush	Do	28	Reed St	Do
93	Jas Anderson	Do	8	Republican Alley	Do
94	David Cudlipp	Do		Mulberry St	[A Lot]
95	W R Gracie	Do	54	Lispenard St	Do
96	Jno Coit	Do	66	Fulton St	Do
97	J [T] Longworth	Do		Wooster St.	Do

Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

The Market Committee presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved, That the Comptroller prepare a Warrant by the next meeting of the Board in favour of Leonard Baum, Clerk of Washington Market, for Twelve dollars & 48 Cents being the [170] amount of a Judgement and Cost recovered against him in enforcing the market Laws.

An Invitation from Messrs Rathbone & Fitch Lessees of Castle Garden to the Members of the Corporation to dine with them on the 25th Inst. was presented and Resolved that the same be accepted.

Alderman Zabriskie presented a Resolution respecting fixing a Bell in the Cupola of Spring Street Market which was referred to the Market Committee.

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following which was adopted

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed to report a Warrant for $622.95/100 in favour of Arthur Burtis being for monies expended by him on the Fire Department.

He also presented a Resolution to purchase 2 Lots of Ground near Essex Market for Engine House which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Public Offices on subject of allowing a Compensa- [171] tion for Clerk Hire was called up and read in the words following.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom it was referred to con-

sider and report what increase of salary ought to be allowed to the Clerk of the Common Council—Respectfully Report

That the Clerk of the Common Council has for many years acted as Secretary to the Board of Health, his income arising from those offices amounts at present to $1450 exclusive of some inconsiderable perquisites arising from the use of the corporate seal applied to what are denominated profitable Commissions; The duties of this Officer have increased in the same ratio as the labours of the Common Council and have for some time past become so multifarious and numerous as to require the aid of An Assistant, who has hitherto been furnished at the private expence of that Officer. In all the plans for regulating the fees of the different Officers under the jurisdiction of the Common Council they have with this exception been allowed a specific Salary without any perquisites and your Committee cannot perceive any necessity for a departure from that wholesome rule in this instance—But as they are fully convinced that the labours of that department cannot be discharged by one individual they respectfully recommend that the Salary of that Officer [172] be increased to $2000 per Annum, which shall include his services *his services* as Secretary to the Board of Health, the charges for indexing the minutes, and all other claims connected with either office—and to enable him to employ a competent Assistant—With a view to bring this subject more distinctly before the Common Council, your Committee with great respect submit for your consideration the following resolution

Resolved, That the Salary of the Clerk of the Common Council shall be at the rate of $2,000 per annum to be paid Quarterly Yearly, and to be computed from the 1st day of February last, which shall likewise include his compensation as Secretary to the board of Health; charges for indexing the minutes and all other services, And that all fees and perquisites of every description appertaining to that office shall be received by the said Clerk and paid into the City Treasury.

All which is respectfully Submitted

E W King
J B Taylor
Jameson Cox
Saml St John

Whereupon the same was adopted.

[173] The Report of the Committee on public Offices presented on the 24th May last in relation to Applications for Office was called

up and after some discussion referred back to the Committee on public Offices

Alderman King presented a Resolution respecting the removal of a House near Edens Alley which was in a decayed state and dangerous to the Inhabitants—Which was referred to the Law Committee.

Mr Cowdrey presented a Resolution for allowing an account of the Inspectors of Election of 4th Ward amounting to $20. being for hire of a room for the Poll—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Alderman Taylor a Committee was appointed to prepare refreshments for the Officers of the Corps of Artillery who are on duty on the 25th Inst. Committee appointed were Alderman Taylor Wyckoff King

The Board adjourned.

[174] The Comptroller made the following Report.

Balance as per Acct. 8th Inst	85.88	
Recd for Tax of 1824 1 & 3 Wards	23.000.	
Do " Streets	16.053.85	
Do " Rents	5.252.22	
Do " Police Office	1.205.10	
Do " Tavern & Excise Licenses	270.	
Do " City prison fees	214.50	
Do " Wells & Pumps	190.59	
Do " Commutation Alien passengers	125.	
Do " Mayoralty fees	60.50	
		46.457.64

45 Accounts Audited

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark Do 2 Do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower Do 3 Do	645.75
G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr 15 Inst	400.
J P Roome Supert Repairs 1 Qr 14 Do	250.
T J Waters Clerk Comptrlrs Office 1 Qr 24 Inst	200.
Joseph Leonard for lists passengers 6 Mo. 1 Inst	50.
J. Morton, Coach hire & Expences pd by him	12.50
Abrm Leggett Supers & Work mud machine 21 Inst	144.75
Wm A Seely & Inspectors Election 3d Ward	60.
Eldad Holmes & Do Do 4 Do	75.
J Sidell to pay Officers attending Election	256.
J Sidell to pay Marshals for Sunday Service 20 Febry to 1 Novemr	510.
[175] Jas Hopson Sp Justice 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	400.
Henry Abell Do Do Do	400.
Smith Ovutt Do Do Do	400.
S. L'Hommedieu Clerk police Do Do	312.50
R Stephens Assist Do Do Do Do	250.

H Maxwell Dist Attorney 1 Qr Salary 12 Ins.	625.	
R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions 1 Qr Do "	375.	
R Hatfield Do Do to pay Witns 1 Qr Do "	35.	
P A Jay Counsel for David Seaman, Damages & Costs for Stall at Fly Market	737.22	
H Tallman Coroners fees 1 Qr 1 Inst	392.44	
Haydock & Jenkins 17 Casks Oil	1104.48	
James Bleecker Auction fees on 93 Lots sold for Arrears of Taxes 10 Nov	186.	
Office of American Advertising for Collector of Arrears of Tax	90.	
A H Mooney Acct. reg & pav Rutger's Slip and part of Cherry Street	1040.	
S Fargay Acct. reg & repav Chatham St from Tryon Row to Broadway	300.	
Owen Smith Acct. reg & pav Eldridge St from Stanton to North St	270.	
H. Smith repairs Jacob & Ferry Streets over the Sewers	129.12	
G Tucker repairs Sewer Jacob & Ferry Sts	118.25	
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Opens 114 St from 3 Avenue to East river	157.06	
[176] J Kip & Associates Commisrs fees & Expences Opens 114 St from 3d Avenue to East river	181.98	
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges Opens Greene & Wooster Sts fr Bleecker to 4th St	280.63	
Thos R Smith & Associates Commisrs fees & Expences Opens Greene & Wooster Sts. fr Bleecker to 4th St	258.45	
J McComb repairing Intersections 1 Ward	186.69	
H Smith Do Do 1. 2. 7 Wards	44.25	
Geo. Charlton 1 paymt Well Norfolk near Rivington St	60.75	
R, Ayres for Gravel & Work at Battery	176.39	
R Graves St Commr for Repairs Roads	400.	
J. P Roome Super Repairs for repairs	387.	
J P Roome Do Do " Markets	250.	
J P Roome Do Do " Fire Departt	200.	
J. P Roome Do Do " pump Do	100.	
Mechanics Bank Bond 11 Novr $32.300 & Interest $64.60	32.364.60	34890.74
Balance		$160.33

The Board adjourned.

[177] In Common Council Decem^{r} 6th 1824

Present The Hon^{ble} W^{m} Paulding Jun^{r} Mayor President
Rich^{d} Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Sam^{l} St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Sam^{l} Cowdrey
Geo. Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thom^{s} T Woodruff
Reuben Munson.	Alpheus Sherman
	Gideon Ostrander

Upon reading the Minutes M^{r} Cowdrey moved that the entry of the Invitation of Mess^{rs} Rathbone & Fitch to dine at Castle Garden be recinded which was agreed to—this was on motion of M^{r} Hone reconsidered and upon reconsideration the motion of M^{r} Cowdrey was lost and the entry on the minutes was retained

A Petition of Jn^{o} R Murray as Agent of Hannah Murray on subject of Title to a Gore of Land corner of Canal St was ref^{d} to the finance Comm^{ee}

[178] A Petition of Francis Spicer stating that through a mistake the License for Stall N^{o} 29 Washington Market has been issued to his son Jesse T Spicer and praying the License may be issued to him was refered to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Francis Barretto Jun^{r} for relief from a personal Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Memorial of Gaspard Richard stating that he has invented a mode of raising water (and requesting the Corporation to examine the same) by a new power was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of Robert T Clark for Office of Measurer of Grain was presented and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition that the side walks in Stanton Street may be regulated from the Bowery to Eldridge St. was referred to the Street Committee.

[179] A petition for a Well and pump at the Corner of Chrystie & North St. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A petition of Peter Smith praying that the former regulation of Pitt Street may be adopted was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Alexander Anthony for Stall N° 13 Catharine Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A petition of James Boyle for extension of time to pay an assessment on Lot in Mott Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Ezra Weeks to be permitted to construct a Well in McDougal St near Prince St. and when finished that it may be received as a Public Well was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner with powers.

A petition of John Ireland, Saml Lawrence and Henry Gahn to be permitted to remove the earth from that part of Hudson Street [180] which runs through their property to the depth of the permanent level of said Street as established by regulations, was referred to the Street Committee.

A request of the representatives of James Arden for permission to build a Bridge over or to fill up at their discretion the Slip in front of the Stores lately belonging to James Arden in Washington near Rector Street was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers & Slips

A petition of James McMurray for compensation for Indexing Maps in the Register's Office of this City was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Communication was received from Peter H Wendover in behalf of the Commissioners of the School money stating that sundry accounts of printers, for printing performed for them were due but which they had no authority by Law to pay and requesting the Corporation to pay the same, and to provide for similar expences in future, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[181] A Memorial of John, Vanderlyn Lessee of the Rotunda praying an extension of the Lease of the same and a Memorial from John Ferguson and others subscribers to the erection of that building requesting the Lease may be extended to Mr Vanderlyn was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A request of the Philharmonic Society to be permitted to erect an awning in front of the City Hotel on the 15th Inst intending to give a Musical exhibition on the 16th was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward with Authority

A request of Col. Manly to be permitted to parade the 2nd Regiment of Artillery under his Command in the Park on the 8th Inst.

was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places with authority.

An Invitation to attend at the opening of the Atheneum on Monday the 13th at One Oclock when an Address will be delivered by Henry Wheaton Esqr was presented and accepted.

[182] A Letter was received from John Lang President of the Mechanics Society enclosing a Copy of the following Resolutions passed by said Society

At a regular meeting of the General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen of the City of New York, on Wednesday evening the first of December 1824 on motion it was

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the Hon. Corporation of the City of New York for their generous relinquishment of five Years, of the Ground rent on which their Institution is erected, as a contribution, in aid of the funds for the purchase of Books for the use of the Library belonging to the Society.

On motion it was also resolved, that the President of the Society be authorised to make the same known to the Honorable the Corporation at their next regular meeting

John Lang President of M. S.

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed

An Account of John Woodward Clerk of the City and County for certain fees of Office and expenditures by him amounting to $241 7/100 was presented and [183] referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Ithamar Osborn offering to purchase the Lease of the Lot & tenements known as No 16 & 16½ Chatham Street was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Street Inspectors complaining of the negligence and inattention of the Contractor of Street Manure of the First Contract District was read and laid on the Table

The Committee on Public Offices to whom had been referred the return made by the Clerk of the Common Council of the names of the persons who had reported themselves to him as holding Offices under the Board agreeably to the Resolution of the 15th of March last presented the following report.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom it was referred, to ascertain the names & number of persons, holding and actually exercising the duties appertaining to the Offices of Weigher, Guager, Measurers of Lumber, Grain, Lime, and Charcoal, and Inspectors

of Wood and Manure; under the Common Council; and whether any additional number of persons can be appointed to all or either of those Offices, consistent with the public good

Report, That according to the return made [184] by the persons holding the said Offices pursuant to a resolution of the Common Council passed on the fifteenth day of March last; It appears that the number of persons holding the said Offices respectively is as follows, Vizt

Thirty Weighers; Six Gaugers, to which number one has since been added; Five Measurers of Lumber; Thirty nine measurers of Grain; Eight Measurers of Lime; Three Measurers of Charcoal; Eighteen Inspectors of Wood; and Three Inspectors of Manure, to which number one has since been added. Of the Weighers one has since died, and another removed from the City leaving now twenty Eight; A Copy of which return is hereunto annexed, As to the propriety of limiting the number of these appointments your Committee are aware that many Gentlemen whose opinions are entitled to great consideration, believe that the public good would be promoted by appointing every fit applicant to either of those offices; thus putting them on the footing with the ordinary pursuits in life, and producing the same competition, However plausible this doctrine may appear your Committee cannot yield their assent to it. There can be very little danger of such Officers neglecting their duty [*] to the public injury, when their compensation depends upon the exercise of it, and should that fail to prove a sufficient incentive they may be removed at pleasure, They are made Judges between seller and buyer and it is important therefore that they should be men of intelligence and of the strictest impartiality, if their number then should be so increased as to excite a warm competition it would as your Committee apprehend destroy their independence and they would then become the humble instruments of those who gave them bread, and compelled of necessity to subserve their views and interests solely, to the injury of the Stranger bringing his commodities to our Market, and thus the Officer possessing the most supple conscience would be preferred

There is also a further view of the subject leading to the same conclusion. While the number of these appointments continues without limit inducements are held out to innumerable applicants to fill them, and many individuals have refrained from entering into other pursuits whilst their Applications were pending in the hope of mak-

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

ing interest through their friends by continual solicitations and finally to obtain the object of their wishes; but how many of these have been compelled to feel the sad sensation of "hope deferred," [186] until they have become disinclined if not disqualified to follow the ordinary laborous pursuits of Life. Under these impressions your Committee do earnestly recommend a limitation of these appointments for several years yet to come.

In fixing such limit they have been much assisted by the Opinions of others more conversant with the various duties of these Offices than your Committee are presumed to be. From the best information which your Committee have been able to obtain, and which accords with their own Opinion, the number of these respective Appointments ought to be limited as follows. Thirty Weighers; Seven Gaugers; Eight Measurers of Lumber; Forty Measurers of Grain, (and all other articles exclusive of Lumber, Charcoal & Lime) Eight Measurers of Lime; Six Measurers of Charcoal; Four Inspectors of Manure, and Eighteen Inspectors of Wood; but the last to be increased from time to time as new inspection districts may be created. Your Committee would here remark that the Commissions to measurers have not in general been confined to the measuring of any particular commodity, the Officers have consequently made their [187] own election and in their Report they have omitted to state what articles they are accustomed to measure nor do the existing laws of the Common Council seem to make any such distinction, It is however to be presumed that such a distinction would be attended with beneficial effects and your Committee do recommend that all Measurers whose Commissions are thus general, shall between the first and fifteenth days of May next, make their election of what particular article or articles they will respectively measure and if more than one it shall be determined by his Honor the Mayor & that each of the said Officers shall procure a new Commission accordingly for which he shall pay twenty five Cents.

Your Committee moreover recommend that each of the persons holding either of the appointments above mentioned be required to appear before his Honor the Mayor on the thirty first day of December instant and take and subscribe the Oath of Office as prescribed by the recent ordinances on that subject, and that each of the said Officers shall between the first & fifteenth days of May next and annually thereafter between the same days report himself with the place of his residence to the Clerk [188] of the Common Council and in default of making such report such Officer shall be deemed to

have resigned his Office. In order to prevent any imposition by persons holding Commissions and neglecting to make such report your Committee suggest the propriety of instructing the Clerk to publish such reports when completed

To bring the subjects herewith connected more distinctly before the Board your Committee present the following resolutions.

First. Resolved, That hereafter the number of persons to be Commissioned for the following Offices respectively shall be limited as follows Viz. Thirty Weighers; Seven Guagers; Eight Measurers; of Lime; Forty Measurers of Grain; and all other articles (excepting Lumber, Charcoal & Lime) Eight Measurers of Lumber, Six Measurers of Charcoal, Four Inspectors of Manure & Eighteen inspectors of Wood.

Second, Resolved, That each of the persons holding either of the Offices mentioned in the preceeding Resolutions shall on the thirty first day of December instant appear before his Honor the Mayor and take and Subscribe the Oath of Office as prescribed by the recent Ordinance on that subject and in case of neglect herein by either [189] of the Said Officers he shall be deemed to have resigned his Office, Provided, that nothing in this resolution contained shall be deemed to apply to such of the said Officers as have taken and subscribed such Oath since the 27th day of October 1823.

Third. Resolved; That each of the persons holding the Office of Measurer whose Commission is not limited to the measuring of any particular article shall between the first and fifteenth days of May next, return his Commission to the Clerk of this Board and make his Election of what particular article or articles he will measure and if more than one it shall be determined by his Honor the Mayor and such Measurer shall be furnished with a New Commission specifying what particular article or articles he shall be authorised to measure and shall pay therefor the sum of twenty five cents; and each of the said Measurers omitting to comply with this regulation shall be deemed to have resigned his Office.

Fourth—Resolved, That the several persons holding either of the Offices mentioned in the first Resolution shall between the first and fifteenth days of May next and between the same days in each year thereafter report himself with the place of his residence to the [190] Clerk of this Board, and each of the said Officers omitting to comply with this requisition shall be deemed to have resigned his Office. And that such reports when completed shall be published in all the daily papers printed in this City under the direction of the said Clerk

Fifth, Resolved, That the preceeding resolutions be published in like manner

All which is respectfully submitted

E W King
Saml St John
Signed Saml Cowdrey
Jameson Cox

The following is the return alluded to in the foregoing Report.

Inspector of Weights & Measures

Peter F Cisco	22 Pump St.

Measurers of Grain

Benjamin Wark	189 Spring St
Saml W Disbrow	16 Market St
John Wright	22 Oliver St
Charles Udall	7 Lombardy St
William Frost	20 Rivington St
Jacob Brinkerhoff	71 Chrystie St
Aaron Howell	96 Church St
Walter W Townsend	58 Broadway
Thomas Fardon	51 Roosevelt St
Saml C Wessels	57 Pump St.
[191] Joseph Earle	12 Elm St
Israel Underhill	487 Pearl St
John Briant	44 Eldridge St
Benjamin Clark	35 Warren St
Josiah Smith	113 Liberty St.
John Wark	359 Bowery
John Ashford	40 Pike St
William Anderson	62 Hester St
John Langdon	Brooklyn
John B Langdon	Do
William Pearsall	82 Lombardy St.
John Pearsall	82 Do
Joseph Moore	62 Bayard St.
Abel Smith	178½ Fulton St.
Frederick Mabie	552 Pearl St
Jacob Mabie	552 Do
Isaac Sayres	22 Harrison
William Johnston	Grand St
Abraham Cole	35 Provoost St
Charles Thorn	28 Peck Slip
Caleb Sutton	56 Elizabeth St.
Alexander Fraser	64 James St
Joseph Spencer	22 Dey St
Edward Webb	104 Harmon St

Samuel Bleecker	30	Pearl St.
Samuel Bleecker Junr		Do
Lewis Smith	133	Anthony St
Nicholas Campbell		<Catharine & Lombardy
Saml Johnston		Grand Cor Orchard
[192] Abraham Day	10	Vestry St.
William Guest	91	Chamber St.
Charcoal		
William C Brooks	55	Allen St.
John Hogencamp	55	Watts "
David Love	30	Bancker "
Lime		
Samuel D Troup	33	Provoost St
William Hyer	38	Robinson St
William Bussing		Cor Broome & Arundle
Caleb Crane	1	Dominick St
Benjamin Westervelt	4	Staple St
Henry Ryer	16	White St
Richard Wenmard	60	Thompson St
Thomas Foot		Cor White & Elme St
City Weighers		
Isaac Labagh	215	Greenwich St.
Caleb Coggershall	104	Lombardy St
Charles F Bunner	174	Broad Way
John Moore	42	Cliff St
Andrew R Miller	128	William St
William Ustick	18	John St
Ahasuerus Turk	12	Broad Way
Ebenezer Cole	45	Collect St
William Brower		James Cor Bancker
William J Brower	50	Eldridge St
Lewis Loutrel		Cor pump & Mulberry
John Marschalk		Cor Bleecker & Sullivan
John Dodge	14	Ferry St
[193] Stephen S Clay	7	Batavia St
Abraham Lawrence		Mott Cor Pell St
Reuben Wright	250	Broome St
Sylvester Marius	102	Cedar St
William Onderdonk Junr	33	Grand St.
William Vandervoort		Frankfort Cor of Skinner St
David D Crane	51	Stone St
Andrew Bache	10	Marketfield St
Isaac Auld	95	Bowery
Isaac Wilkins Jr	24	North Moore St
William Brodie	75	Greenwich St
Robert Stanton	56	Cherry St
Robert McCullen	22	James St
Joseph Tremain	30	North Moore St

John A Davenport	15 Cedar St
Augustus C Van Horne	21 Beaver St
William G Ward	Willet Cor of Delancy

Wood Inspectors

John Van Osdall	136 Delancy St
Pierson Halstead	126 Pump St
William Evans	9 Essex St
John S Van Kleeck	77 Dey St
Jacob Acker	172 Reed St
John Pinckney	Columbia nr Delancy St
George Mount	45 Elizabeth St
Joseph Toms	85 Crosby St
Lewis Guerineau by his Depy James Gritman	Spring St
Artemus B. Brookins	<Murray & West St.
[194] Joseph D Smith	265 Spring St
Martin Okie	Washington St
Abraham Van Osdall	Manhattanville
William Allen	Greenwich St
Charles Roe	593 Broad Way
John Gaffit	16 Desbrosses
John Johnson	Charles St
William Sloan Depy	Murray St.

Lumber Inspectors

Charles Browne	172 Bancker St
Abraham A Selover	12 Water St
James Hallett	
Abraham M Valentine	22 Arundle St
Simon Ackerman	554 Broome St

Manure Inspectors

James Seaman	20 Pump St
Issachar Cozzens	125 Franklin
Casperius Romaine	

Whereupon the said Report was approved and the several resolutions adopted.

Upon the motion of Alderman Mann it was referred to the Committee on public Offices and they were requested to take into Consideration the fees and allowances which should be made to the above named Officers for their services and report a Tariff of the same to the Board

[195] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for allowing to the Inspectors of the late Election in the 4th Ward the sum of $20 to defray the expence of a room occupied at the Election presented the following report against allowing the same

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Resolution, That your Committee do not consider it expedient to allow for Room Hire at the annual elections, it having always been considered a benefit to the premises in which the Polls are held, rather than a disadvantage

The charge of $20, for the 4th Ward Poll room, your Committee deem inadmissable and unusual, If allowed for one ward, it would have to be allowed for all the Other Wards.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to allow the charge for roome Hire above mentioned

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
William H Ireland
William Burtsell.

[196] A Motion was made to reject the Report of the Committee which was negatived, The question was then taken on agreeing to the Report and was carried in the affirmative

The Finance Committee to whom had been referred back their report on the Petition of Daniel P Ingraham presented the following Report giving leave to Petitioner to withdraw his petition as follows, which was appro^{d} & the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee to whom the within Report on the subject of a petition of D P Ingraham for a Water grant at Harlem was re-committed, beg leave further to Report, that on reconsidering their first Report they are constrained to adhere to the same, not being willing to recommend a reduction of the proposed rate of quit rent— But M^{r} Ingraham is unwilling to pay the same, but prefers to withdraw his application.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
[197] Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) William H Ireland
William Burtsell

The following is the first Report of Finance Committee on petition of D P Ingraham and which was referred back to said Committee.

The finance Committee to whom was referred on the 8th Inst. a Petition of D P. Ingraham for a Grant of the soil between high and low water on Harlem River—Report, that having considered the subject, they recommend to the Board the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare a Grant to Daniel Phoenix Ingraham, for the ground between high and low Water opposite his premises at Harlem, at the following rent, Viz.

On the Average length at high and low Water mark, at 6¼ Cents per foot till the Year 1858 and at 25 Cents per foot forever After. Provided, that he signify his Assent to these Conditions, to the Counsel of the Board, within one Week from this date.

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Wm Burtsell

[198] The Finance Committee, on the petition of Harman Vossburgh to be permitted to Mortgage certain premises reported in favour as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed application of Herman Vosburgh, to be permitted to Mortgage certain Leasehold premises held by him under the Corporation, Viz. Lots 104 and part of lot 105, adjoining the lot at the corner of Chatham and Duane Sts

Your Committee have no objections to this proposition, and therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved, That upon the usual condition that all rent is paid to 1stNovemr last, the Comptroller is hereby authorised to Consent to the premises being Mortgaged.

Reuben Munson
Geo. Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom had been referred sundry Petitions presented the following report

[199] The Committee on Application for Office to whom have been referred sundry petitions for different Offices, beg leave to recommend still—William Cornell to the Appointment of Measurer of Grain and John Bowen John T. Ball and Jonathan Hall as Measurers of Lumber, all formerly reported on and recommended by this Committee likewise David Brooks and Reuben Bunker to the office of City Weighers and John P Smith to that of Measurer of Charcoal —They therefore recommend the following Resolutions.

Resolved, That William Cornell be and is hereby appointed to the Office of Measurer of Grain.

Resolved, That John Bowen John T Ball, Jonathan Hall be and are hereby appointed to the Office of Measurer of Lumber

Resolved, That David Brooks & Reuben Bunker be and are hereby appointed as City Weighers

Resolved, That John P. Smith be and is hereby appointed to the Office of Measurer of Charcoal

Respectfully Submitted

T. Seymour
Jameson Cox

[200] Whereupon the same was approved and the several Resolutions adopted.

The Market and Finance Committee to whom was referred the recommendation of the Committee of the Fire Department to build an Engine House on the ground attached to the Essex Market presented the following report against the same

The Market and Finance Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the Fire Department recommending that an Engine House be built on the public Ground attached to the Essex Market. Report, That the above ground is laid out, into Eight lots of about 22 feet front by 37½ feet deep, and being immediately in the vicinity of the Market, it is supposed they may be leased out to great advantage. Should an Engine house be erected on the centre lot, it would injure in all probability the leasing of the others—beside be inconvenient to the market as the Butchers Carts and Hucksters will be placed on that side of it

Your Committee believe neither the public interest nor the convenience of the firemen would be promoted by placing [201] an Engine House on that Ground

They beg leave to Offer for the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to erect an Engine House on the public ground attached to the Essex Market

Resolved, That the Finance Committee lease for a term of years the public ground attached to the Essex Market not appropriated for Market purposes

Respectfully Submitted

Shivers Parker
Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Philip Hone
Thom^{s} Bolton
Geo. Zabriskie
Tho^{s} T Woodruff

Whereupon the Resolutions proposed were adopted.

The Chief Engineer presented the following report and recommendation of the Fire Department of persons to be appointed Engineers.

At a Meeting of the Engineers, Foremen and Fire Wardens, held at Firemen Hall the 30th November 1824

John P Roome, David J Hubbs and Valentine Vandewater having resigned as Engineers the following persons were regularly [202] balloted for, and are respectfully recommended to the Corporation, as suitable Characters to fill the vacancies—Viz.

Sam^{l} J Willis, Accountant 307 Pearl St 2 Ward

James Gulick Crockery Merc^{t} 82 Pearl St 1 Ward

Adam W Turnbull Grocer Cor Hester & Orange 6 Ward

Tho^{s} Franklin
Chief Engineer

Whereupon the same was approved and the persons recommended were appointed

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Wardens 6th Ward

Ezekiel J Moore Merchant 200 Chatham St.
Vice Samuel Webb Resigned

Fire Wardens 7th Ward

Edward Smylie Brass Founder 156 Bancker St
Vice William Burk Time Expired

Fire Wardens 8th Ward

Francis Peckwell Tavern Keeper < Broadway & Grand
Vice John Brewer Left the City

Fire Hook & Ladder Company No 2

Richard Morrell Merchant 16 Rose St
Vice John Middleton Resigned

[203] Fire Hook & Ladder Company No 3

Azariah Ross Mason Hudson Nr Spring St
Vice Samuel Harris Resigned

Fire Engine Company No 12

Benjamin Dodge Carpenter 128 Leonard St
Vice Henry Riley Resigned

Fire Engine Company No 15

John S Skinner Sail Maker 19 Catharine
Vice Saml Downing Expelled

Fire Engine Company No 16

John J Stephens Clerk 19 Provost St
Vice Hartman Vreeland Resigned

Neal H Doyle Clerk 31 Maiden Lane
Vice Abraham Frost Resigned

William H Holton Carpenter 9 Fletcher St
Vice John Morange Resigned

Fire Engine Company No 31

Jonathan Garthwait Mason 3 Desbrosses St
Vice William L Koff Resigned

Fire Engine Company No 41

Joseph [Jacob] G Huls[e] Cartman Delancy Nr Lewis St
Vice William Parker Expelled

[204] Fire Engine Company No 44.

Thos P Walworth, Brass Foundry 44 Willet St
Vice Charles Porter Resigned

Thaddius Bell Ship Carpenter Lewis Nr North St
Vice Alfred Waterbury Dead

Thomas Beilby House Carpenter Lewis St
Vice Benjamin Brown Removed

Geo W Smith Barber Lewis betw Stanton & *Bro* [North]
Vice Isaac Smith Resigned

Johnson S Inglee Ship Carpenter North St. To fill up the Company.

The Attorney presented the following Certificates of Sales of lands for nonpayment of Taxes

The Attorney respectfully Reports that he has prepared, and requests that the Board may direct to be executed the following certificates of the sale of the property hereinafter mentioned to the persons, for the terms of time, and for the sums hereinafter mentioned: the same having been sold by the Collector of the Arrears of Taxes on the 10th day of November A, D, 1824, in pursuance of the Statue in such case made and provided, for non payment of Taxes. viz

1st All that certain House and Lot of Ground in the first Ward of the City [205] of New York, on the west side of Maiden Lane between Front and South Streets, known as No 152 Maiden Lane, assessed as belonging to I Louzad[a], sold to James Morange for One year from 10th Novemr 1826 for $30 $^{67}/_{100}$

2d All that certain Shop and lot of Ground in the First Ward aforesaid, on the East side of De Peyster Street between Front and South Streets, Assessed as belonging to Peter Brewer, Sold to James Morange for Two Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $20 $^{06}/_{100}$

3d All that certain House and Lot, in the Fourth Ward of the City aforesaid, in the rear of No 41 Ferry Street between Pearl and Jacob Streets, assessed as belonging to Charles Chess, Sold to David Whiting for Two Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 $^{53}/_{100}$

4th All that certain lot of ground in the 6th Ward of the City aforesaid, on the East side of Little Water Street, to the north of Anthony Street, numbered on the Ward Map as 1016, assessed as belonging to Matthew L Davis, sold to William L Simers for Twelve years from 10 November 1826, for $20 $^{6}/_{100}$

5th All that certain Lot in the Seventh Ward of the City aforesaid, on the North Side of Lombardy Street between Corlears & Walnut Streets, numbered on Ward Map as 2088, on the [206] farm Map as 17, Sold to William L Simers for Seventeen Years from 10th November 1826 for $17 $^{26}/_{100}$ Assessed to the Widow Byrn

6th All that certain Lot in the 7th Ward aforesaid, on the South Side of Bancker St. at the junction of Grand St numbered on the Ward Map as 2076, and on the farm map as 26, Assessed to the Widow

Byron, Sold to William L Simers for 15 years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $17 26/100

7th All that certain House and Lot in the Seventh Ward aforesaid, on the north side of Bancker, between Walnut and Grand Streets, numbered on the Ward map as 2054, on the farm map as P9 assessed to Jane N Price, sold to David Whiting for 3 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 53/100

8th All that certain Lot in the Eighth Ward of the City aforesaid, on the West Side of Elizabeth Street between Prince and Bleecker Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 886, on the farm Map as 34, assessed to Charles Mooney, sold to Samuel Norsworthy for 20 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14 7/100.

9 All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the West side of Elizabeth [207] between Prince & Bleecker Streets numbered on the Ward Map as 887, on the farm map as 35. Assessed to Charles Mooney, Sold to Robert Nicholls for 20 Years from 10 Novr 1826 for $14 7/100

10th All that certain Lot in the Said Eighth Ward, on the west side of Elizabeth between Prince and Bleecker Streets numbered on the Ward Map as 888, on the farm Map as 36 Assessed to Charles Mooney Sold to Robert Nicholls for 25 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14.70

11th All that certain lot in the said Eigth Ward, on the east side of Mott numbered on the Ward Map as 813, on the farm map as 37, Assessed to Charles Mooney, sold to William J Cantelo for 30 Years from the 10th November 1826 for $14 34/100

12 All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Mott, numbered on the Ward map as 814, on the farm map as 38, Assessed to Charles Mooney, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 20 Years from the 10th November 1826 for $14 34/100

13, All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Mott, numbered on Ward Map as 815, on the farm map as 39, Assessed to Charles Mooney, sold to David Whiting for 30 Years from 10th November 1826 for $14 34/100.

14. [208] All that certain Slaughter House and Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East Side of Mott, between Prince and Spring Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 410, on the farm map as 970, Assessed, *Assessed* to John Chivers, Sold to David Whiting for 7 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $17 74/100

15 All that certain Stable and Lot in the said Eighth Ward on the East side of Mott between Prince and Spring Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 491, on the farm Map as 971, Assessed to John Chivers, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 76/100

16 All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the east side of Mott, between Broome and Spring Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 361, on the farm Map as 926, Assessed to Mrs Fisher, sold to David Whiting for 14 Years from 10 Novemr 1826, for $16 40/100

17 All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Mott between Spring and Broome Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 360, on the farm Map as 927, Assessed to F Ball, sold to William L. Simers for 15 Years from 10th Novemr 1826. for $16 40/100

18. [209] All that certain Lot of ground in the Said Eighth Ward on West side of Mulberry between Bleecker and Prince Streets numbered on the Ward Map as 746, on the farm Map as 84, assessed to Thomas C Butler, sold to William H Butler for 1 Year from 10th Novemr, 1826, for $14 84/100

19. All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East Side of Mulberry between Bleecker and Prince Streets, numbered on the Ward Map as 779, on the farm Map as 70, Assessed to Michael Evener, Sold to John E Mowatt for 18 Years from 10th November 1826 for $14 84/100

20, All that Certain House and Lot in the said Eighth Ward on the West side of Orange between Prince and Spring Streets, known as No 232 Orange, designated on the Ward Map as 580 on the farm Map as 1171, Assessed as belonging to A Megan, sold to David Whiting for One Year, from 10th Novemr 1826 for $23 20/100

21, All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Crosby, between Broome and Spring Streets, designated on the Ward Map as No 239, on the farm Map 1152, assessed to John N Abeel Sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 15 Years from 10th November 1826 for $16 40/100

22, All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East Side of Crosby, between *Between* Broome and Spring Streets, designated [210] on the Ward Map as 240, on the farm Map as 1151, Assessed to John N Abell, sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 14 Years from 10th November 1826. for $16 40/100

23. All that certain lot in the Said Eighth Ward on the East Side

of Crosby between Prince and Spring Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 591, Assessed to A Megan, Sold to John E Mowatt for 15 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 %00

24. All that certain House and Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Crosby, between Prince & Bleecker Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 724, on the farm Map as 106, assessed to George Heyday, Sold to David Whiting for One year from 16 Novemr 1826 for $17 05%00

25, All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Broadway, between Bond and Great Jones Streets, designated on the ward Map as 1069, on the farm Map as 23, Assessed to Samuel Wells, Sold to Kenlock Stuart for 6 Years from 10th November 1826, for $21.81%00

26, All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Broadway, between Bond and Great Jones Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 1068, on the farm map as 24, Assessed to Lemuel Wells, Sold to [211] Kinlock Stuart for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $21 19%00

27th, All those three certain lots in the said Eighth Ward, on the West side of Mercer between Fourth and Amity Streets, Assessed to the Estate of W G. Miller, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 9 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $21.19%00

28. All those three certain lots in the said Eighth Ward, on the East Side of Greene between Fourth and Amity Streets. Assessed to the Estate of W G Miller, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 9 Years, from 10th Novemr 1826, for $19 85%00

29. All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the North Side of Broome, between Clark and Sullivan Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 2785, on the farm map as 56, Assessed to Christopher McGuire, Sold to James Morange, for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $17 7%00

30, All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the North Side of Broome, between Orange and Mulberry Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 274, on the farm Map as 1044, Assessed to the Heirs of J Van Cortland, Sold to John E Mowatt for 7 Years from 10th November 1826 for $19 18%00

31. All that certain House and Lot [212] in the said Eighth Ward, on the north side of Charlton, between Varick and Hudson Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3450, on the farm Map as

210, Assessed to Samuel Martine, Sold to John Williams for One Year from 10th November 1826, for $21 81/100

32. All that certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Hudson, between Christopher and Burrows Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3954, on the farm map as 152. Assessed to Trinity Church, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 6 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $18 86/100

33. All that Certain lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Hudson between Christopher & Burrows Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3955, on the farm map as 151, Assessed to Trinity Church, sold to Abraham Labagh for 7 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $17 74/100

34, All that certain Lot in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Hudson, between Christophers and Burrows Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3956, on the farm Map as 150, Assessed to Trinity Church, sold to Abraham Labagh for 3 Years from 10th November 1826 for $17 74/100

35 All that certain House and Lot [213] in the said Eighth Ward, on the East side of Herring, between Reason & Burrows Streets designated on the Ward Map as 4432, on the farm map as 46, Assessed to Hickson Wilson, Sold to David Whiting for One Year from 10th Novemr 1826 for $18 11/100

36. All that certain Lot in the said Eighth on the South Side of Burrows, at the corner of Bedford Street, Assessed to George Patten, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 7 Years from 10 November 1826 for $15 1/100

37. All that certain lot and a half in the Ninth Ward of the City aforesaid on the north side of Amos Street, near Herring Street, Assessed to A Hammond, sold to Charles Oakley for 12 Years from 10th Novemr 1826, for $16 24/100

38, All those certain nine Lots of Land situate in the said Ninth Ward, on Amos Street, Assessed to A Hammond, sold to Charles Oakley, for five Years from 10th November 1826, for 22 dolls 1%100

39 All that certain Lot situate in the said Ninth Ward on Amos Street, Assessed to Hector Street, sold to Abraham Labagh for 20 Years from 10th November 1826 for $14.

40, All those certain Six lots in the said Ninth Ward on Amos Street, Assessed [214] to S. Bayard, sold to Abraham Labagh, for 10 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $18 9%100

41. All threefourths of a lot, situate in the said Ninth Ward, on Charles Street, Assessed to A Hammond, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 20 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $15 6/100

42. All that certain lot in the said Ninth Ward on Charles Street, Assessed to *to* the Widow Funday, sold to Abraham Labagh for 15 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $15 6/100

43 All those three certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward on the West side of the Bowery near Art Street, Assessed to F Shonnard, sold to David Randall for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $187 5/100

44 All that certain House and three Acres of Land in the said Ninth Ward, at Kipp's Bay, on the East side of Eliza Street, Assessed to Maria Duffie, Sold to Samuel Norsworthy for 2 Years from the 10th November 1826 for $39 8/100

45. All that certain House and one and one Quarter Acres of land in the Said Ninth Ward, at Kipp's Bay on the East side of Eliza Street, Assessed to Maria Duffie, Sold to Samuel Norsworthy for [215] 3 Years from 10th November 1826, for $16 18/100

46 All those four certain lots of land, in the said Ninth Ward, at Kipp's Bay, Assessed to Samuel Mitchell Sold to Thomas Storm, for 14 years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $14 8/100

47. All those two certain Lots of Land in the said Ninth Ward, at Kipps Bay, assessed to C Kipp, sold to John E Mowatt for 25 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14 10/100

48. All those two certain Houses & two and three quarter Acres of Land, in the said Ninth Ward on the Old Harlaem Road 3d Avenue, Assessed to Nath. Reynold, Sold to Abraham Cross, for 2 Years from 10 Novemr 1826, for $20 10/100

49. All those two certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward on the Old Harlaem Road, Assessed to Sand[s] Lane, sold to Francis Price for 40 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $13 8/100

50, All that certain house and two acres of land in the said Ninth Ward, on the Old Harlaem road, Assessed to Edward Vermilyea, sold to James Morange for 6 Years from 10th November 1826 for $22 95/100

51. All that certain Lot in the said Ninth Ward, on the Old Harlaem road, Assessed to Edward Vermilyea, sold to Peter Kerrison [216] for 85 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14 18/100

52. All that certain House and Nine Acres of Land in the said Ninth Ward, in the Harlaem Road division, Assessed to Abraham

Vermilyea, Sold to Abraham Labagh for 4 Years from 10th November 1826 for $14 5 9/100

53. All those four Certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward in the Manhattanville division, Assessed to the Widow Bradford, Sold to Kinlock Stuart for 17 Years from 10 November 1826 for $13 8 9/100

54. All that certain House and lot in the said Ninth Ward in the Manhattanville division, Assessed to Gilbert Myres, sold to David Whiting for 4 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $13 6 1/100

55. All that certain House and two and one half Acres of land in the said Ninth Ward, on the West side of the Bloomingdale road, near J C. Vandenheuvel, Assessed to John Genter, sold to John Williams for 4 Years from 10th Novemr 1826, for $19 4 6/100

56, All that certain House and three lots in the said Ninth Ward at Bloomingdale, Assessed to John Somerindike, Sold to John Williams for 3 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $15

57 [217] All those certain ten Acres of Land in the said Ninth Ward at Bloomingdale, Assessed to John Taylor, Sold to John Williams for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $27 1 9/100

58. All that certain House and Seven Lots in the Said Ninth Ward on the Fitzroy road, from 26th to 28th Street, Assessed to Thomas B Clark, Sold to James Morange for 7 Years from 10. Novemr 1826 for $41 5/100

59 All those three certain lots in the Said Ninth Ward, on the Fitzroy road, assessed to Albert Chrystie, sold to John E Mowatt for 20 Years from 10th Novemr, 1826, for $13 9 9/100

60 All those five certain lots in the said Ninth Ward on the Fitzroy Road, assessed to Thomas Ash, sold to Charles Oakley for 17 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14 5 9/100

61, All those ten certain lots in the said Ninth Ward on the Fitzroy Road, Assessed to John K Vanderbilt, sold to Oliver Howell for 12 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 3/100

62. All that certain House and lot in the Said Ninth Ward on the Fitzroy road, near the 8th Avenue, Assessed to John Patterson, sold to Charles M David for 5 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $15 4 9/100

63 All that certain Acre of Land [218] situate in the said Ninth Ward on Greenwich Lane, Assessed to Abijah Hammond Sold to Charles Oakley for 8 Years from 10th November 1826 for $17

64, All those two certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward, on Broad-

way, Assessed to Jacob Ackerman, sold to Asa Holden for 18 Years from 10th November 1826 for $13 8/100

65, All those thirteen certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward, on Broadway Assessed to the Estate of D Mann, sold to Joseph Neilson for 8 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $18 23/100

66 All those two certain houses, and two and one quarter Acres of land in the said Ninth Ward, on the West side of the Warren road between the Abingdon and Southampton Roads, Assessed to Lemuel Wells, Sold to James Morange for 4 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $29

67. All that certain House and One and three-quarter Acres of Land in the said Ninth Ward, on the East side of the Fit[z]roy Road, between the Abingdon and Southampton Roads, Assessed to Lemuel Wells, Sold to David Whiting for 7 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $18 54/100

68. All that certain House and One and three quarter Acres of Land, Situate [219] in the said Ninth Ward, on the east side of the Fitzroy road, between the Abingdon and Southampton Roads, Assessed to Lemuel Wells, Sold to David Whiting for 8 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $18 54/100

69 All that certain House and lot in the said Ninth Ward on the Southampton Road, Asse'd to the Estate of Philip Palstaff, Sold to John E Mowatt for 11 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $14 54/100

70. All that certain Store and Lot in the said Ninth Ward, on Hammond Street, Assessed to Samuel Bayard, sold to Abraham Labagh for 2 Years from 10th November 1826 for $15.

71 All that certain Lot in the said Ninth Ward on Hammond Street, Assessed to Robert C Smith, Sold to John Williams for 4 Years from 10 Novemr 1826, for $14 54/100

72. All that certain House and two lots in the said Ninth Ward, on Hammond Street, Assessed to James Thomson, sold to Abraham Labagh for 1 Year from 10th November 1826 for $22 23/100

73, All those Six certain Lots in the said Ninth Ward, on William Street, Assessed to Abijah Hammond, sold to Francis Price for 12 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $16 49/100

74, All that certain house and two [220] Lots in the said Ninth Ward, on East Bank Street, Assessed to William Cairns, Sold to John Williams for 7 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $15 49/100

75. All those four certain Lots in the Said Ninth Ward, on Art

Street, Assessed to Joseph Winter sold to John Williams for 12 Years from 10th November 1826, for $17 82/100

76, All that certain Lot in the 10 Ward of the said City, on the West Side of Allen Street between Grand & Broome Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 768, assessed to John B Cheeseman, Sold to Jacob Appley for 12 Years from 10 Novemr 1826 for $17 8/100

77. All that certain Lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the West side of Allen, between Rivington and Delancey Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 833, assessed to Jacob Appley, sold to Jacob Appley for 10 Years from 10 November 1826 for $16 40/100

78. All that certain Lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the east side of Essex, between Delancey & Broome Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 1493, Assessed to David Burger, Sold to Thoms R Ludlam for 10 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $15 72/100

79 All that certain Lot in the [221] said Tenth Ward, on the West side of Norfolk. between Delancy and Broome Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 1503, Assessed to Thomas Cooper, Sold to Roger Williams for 14 Years from 10th November 1826, for $15 72/100

80, All that certain lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the West side of Sheriff, between Stanton and North Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3106, Assessed to Anthony Lamb, Sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 20 Years from 10th November 1826 for $14 86/100

81, All that certain factory and lot in the said Tenth Ward on the south side of Broome, between Goerck and Mangin Streets, Assessed to John T. Youle, Sold to John Williams for 6 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $17 8/100

82. All that certain lot in the said tenth Ward, on the North side of Broome between Pitt and Ridge Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 5, Assessed to Henry Livingston, Sold to John E Mowatt, for 20 Years from 10th November 1826 for $16 40/100

83, All that certain Lot in the Said Tenth Ward on the South side of Rivingston Street, designated on the Ward Map as 3495, Assessed to Stephen Gorham Sold to John E Mowatt for 18 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $15 72/100

[222] 84 All that certain Lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the south side of Stanton, between Orchard and Ludlow Streets, assessed to Mr Collard, sold to Joseph Neilson for 15 Years from 10th November 1826 for $15 72/100

85, All that certain Lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the south side of North Street between Columbia and Cannon Streets, designated on the Ward Map as 3408, Assessed to R S Livingston, sold to Abraham Labagh for 25 Years from 10th Novemr 1826 for $13 68/100

86 All that certain lot in the said Tenth Ward, on the North side of First Street, at the Corner of the 2d Avenue, Assessed to Peter Crawbuck, Sold to Thomas R Ludlam for 8 Years from 10th November 1826 for $21 9/100

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the said Certificates were directed to be duly executed

He also presented the following report of Captains making default in reporting passengers,

The Attorney respectfully reports, that the following Captains of Vessels having been written to for not reporting their [223] passengers according to Law, did thereupon report, and they having paid the Costs, the remission of the penalties is respectfully recommended,

Capt Davis, of the	Brig	Levant,
Capt Pratt	Ditto	Perseverance
Capt Emery	Ditto	Adams
Capt Leary of the	Ship	Eliza Ann
Capt Bates	Ditto	Eliza Jane
Capt Howes of the	Schooner	Wave
Capt Combs of the	Brig	Osprey

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon his recommendations was agreed to and the penalties were remitted

He also presented the following Report with a Grant to Thomas H Smith for Water Lot at Brooklyn

The Attorney herewith respectfully reports for execution a Water Grant at Brooklyn to Thomas H Smith, for the land between high and low water in front of his property between Jay and Pearl Streets, prepared agreeably to the Report of the Finance Committee on the Subject, but not for all the premises embraced in such report, it having since been discovered that the grant between Pearl and Adams Streets has already been made to R & S Bowne [224] from whom Mr Smith purchased

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Grant was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Deed to the Heirs of Marselis Van Giesen for a gore of Land

The Attorney herewith submits for execution a Deed of a Gore or strip of Land to the heirs of Marselis Van Geisen, prepared agreeably to a report of the Finance Committee on that subject

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Deed was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissio^{r}, presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment for paving Rutgers Slip and for repaving a part of Cherry St. Whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to Morris DeCamp to Collect the same,

The Street Commissioner also presented an Assessment for regulating and paving Beekman Street from Pearl to Water Street [225] which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for pitching and paving Gouverneur Slip which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector.

He also presented Abstract returns of the Commissioners Report in the case of Opening and extending Greene & Wooster Streets from Bleecker to Fourth Streets, conferred by the Supreme Court and suggested the propriety of appointing a Collector thereto—Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

He also presented the following with a remonstrance of the Heirs of John Lawrence dece^{d} and a remonstrance of W^{m} Hunter and others Lessees of Lots on Grand & Sheriff Sts

The Street Commissioner having in conformity with the directions of the Common Council, advertised for the Opening of a Street, from the East river to Grand Street, and thence to form a Junction with Sheriff Street—herewith incloses two several remonstrances against the Continuing of such projected Street further than Grand Street.

[226] Which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) R Graves

St Comm^{r}

The Report of the Street Committee which was laid for consideration on the 22nd November last was called up and being read was in the words following

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Owners of property between Scamel Street and Walnut Street, praying

that a Street may be Opened from Grand Street to the East river. Report, that they have had the subject under their deliberate consideration, and are of the opinion that the Interest and convenience of the public generally and of that section of the City in particular requires that a more direct communication should be afforded between that growing and already populous Neighbourhood northerly of Grand Street—The ground which is required for the Street is vacant (excepting Six Lots, on which are buildings of small value) and that if the Street is not now opened—Buildings and other permanent improvements will in a short time be made thereon, and the opening at some future period rendered very expensive as well to the public, [227] as to individuals in that vicinity—for the foregoing considerations, Your Committee are induced to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Street, be opened fifty feet in width, between Scammel St. and Walnut Street and from Grand Street to the East river agreeably to a Map or plan thereof herewith presented—and that the Council to this Board, take the necessary measures for having the same carried into effect

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John
Asa Mann
Reuben Munson.

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed,

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No 1	Wm Powell	Occupt	5	Bancker St	A privy
2	N Clary	Do	17	Do	Do
3	S Chrystie	Do	23	Do	Do
4	J H Baker	Do	31	Do	Do
5	[228] J Philips	Do	37	Do	"
6	W Solomon	Do	39	Do	"
7	D T Valentine	Do	41	Do	"
8	J Mansfield	Do	49	Do	"
9	M McCannon	Do	63	Do	"
10	D Hainer	Do	65	Do	"
11	Wm B Crosby	Do	69	Do	"
12	T Ryan	Do	93	Do	"
13	E Englis[h]	Do	97	Do	"
14	F Scott	Do	117	Do	"
15	J *Doory* [Dougherty]	Do	121	Do	"

16	C Landaw	Occupt	123	Bancker St	A privy
17	S Butler	Do	125	Do	"
18	J Weeks	Do	127	Do	"
19	J McGuire	Do	131	Do	"
20	J Quin	Do	151	Do	"
21	Mrs Goodwin	Do	153	Do	"
22	J Reeves	Do	165	Do	"
23	C P McIlwain	Do	66	Bayard St	"
24	J Benson	Do	104	Do	"
25	E J Lindsey	Do	106	Do	"
26	W Hide	Do	44	Elizabeth St	"
27	W Hicks	Do	80	Do	"
28	M [Mc]Manus	Do	82	Do	"
29	J Hull	Do	86	Do	"
30	T. Tucker	Do	111	Franklin St	"
31	S Hagerty	Do	113	Do	"
32	Mrs West	Do	115	Do	"
33	I Cozzens Senr	Do	125	Do	"
34	[229] T Williams	Do	181	Hester St	Do
35	R Sloan	Do	195	Do	Do
36	A W Turnbull	Do	205	Do	Do
37	Wm Quackenbush	Do	10	Howard	Do
38	T Calligan	Do	13	Mott	Do
39	A McDougall	Do	21	Do	Do
40	Ths Allen	Do	39	Do	Do
41	T [J] Patze	Do	45	Do	Do
42	J Perry	Do	49	Do	Do
43	N Faugeras	Do	47	Do	Do
44	J H Osborn	Do	61	Do	Do
45	C Reed	Do	109	Do	Do
46	T H Harrison	Do	13	Mulberry	Do
47	T Kennedy	Do	49	Do	Do
48	P, Correll	Do	55	Do	Do
49	P McGuire	Do	79	Do	Do
50	Mrs Foster	Do	87	Do	Do
51	E Pringle	Do	125	Do	Do
52	A Schouten	Do	23	Pell St	Do
53	W Dickerson	Do	125	Pump	Do
54	Chs Lee	Do	145	Do	Do
55	Mrs Whitlock	Do	8	Rhynders	Do
56	C Adams	Do	71	Bayard	Do
57	T Brown	Do	21	Elizabeth	Do
58	H McGeer	Do	150	Hester	Do
59	D Dike	Do	154	Do	Do
60	M McCartee	Do	156	Do	Do
61	D Wise	Do	158	Do	Do
62	M Deforest	Do	172	Do	Do
63	[230] M Heely	Do	40	Mott St	Do
64	A Osborn	Do	62	Do	Do

65	Josh. Douglass	Occupt	96	Mott St	A privy
66	Sl Van Ness	Do	182	Hester St	Do
67	J Smith	Do	12	Mulberry	Do
68	D Triplet	Do	34	Do	Do
69	J Tate	Lessees	64	Do	Do
70	Js Duffy	Occupt	66	Do	Do
71	H, Cunningham	Do	68	Do	Do
72	R Mingham	Do	86	Do	Do
73	A Marks	Do	96	Pump	Do
74	D W *Rayman* [Raymer]	Do	98	Do	Do
75	S Borden	Do	136	Do	Do
76	J Newman	Do	11	Rhynders	Do
77	J M Clark	Do	39	Mulberry	A Lot
78	Jno D Kent	Do	78	Elizabeth	Do
79	C Husband	Do	50	Do	Do
80	J Duffie	Do	12	Rhynders	Do

George Cuming
City Inspector

Alderman Ireland presented the following which was adopted, Resolved that it be referred to the Market Committee to enquire into the propriety of erecting a Building for the accommodation of the Fishermen in the Washington Market and that they report their Opinion thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

[231] Mr Ostrander presented the following which was adopted

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Repairs be requested to repair the Bulkhead of Broome St Slip and that the same be done under the direction of the Committee [on] Wharves Piers and Slips

Alderman Zabriskie presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Canal Committee to inquire into the expediency of causing the Culverts to the sewer in Chapple St. to be constructed on a plan similar to those attached to the Canal St. Sewer or in such other manner as the said Committee may think proper.

Alderman Zabriskie presented the following Resolution recommending the observance of the 21st Inst the day set apart by the Governor of the State as a Day of Thankgiving and prayer, which was adopted.

Whereas his excellency the Governor has by a proclamation dated the 18th of November last set apart tuesday the 21st Inst to be observed as a day of public prayer and thanksgiving

Resolved, That the Common Council [231A] recommend to their fellow Citizens the due observance of the day, and to this end that they be hereby requested to abstain from their respective ordinary occupations and employments.

Resolved, That the above resolution be published in all the papers employed by this Board.

Alderman King presented a Law to amend a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets which was passed by that Title and directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

Alderman Wyckoff moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment of a Chief Engineer, which was agreed to.

The Resignation of Thomas Franklin of the Office of Chief Engineer presented at the last meeting and laid for consideration was called up, and it was Resolved that the same be accepted,

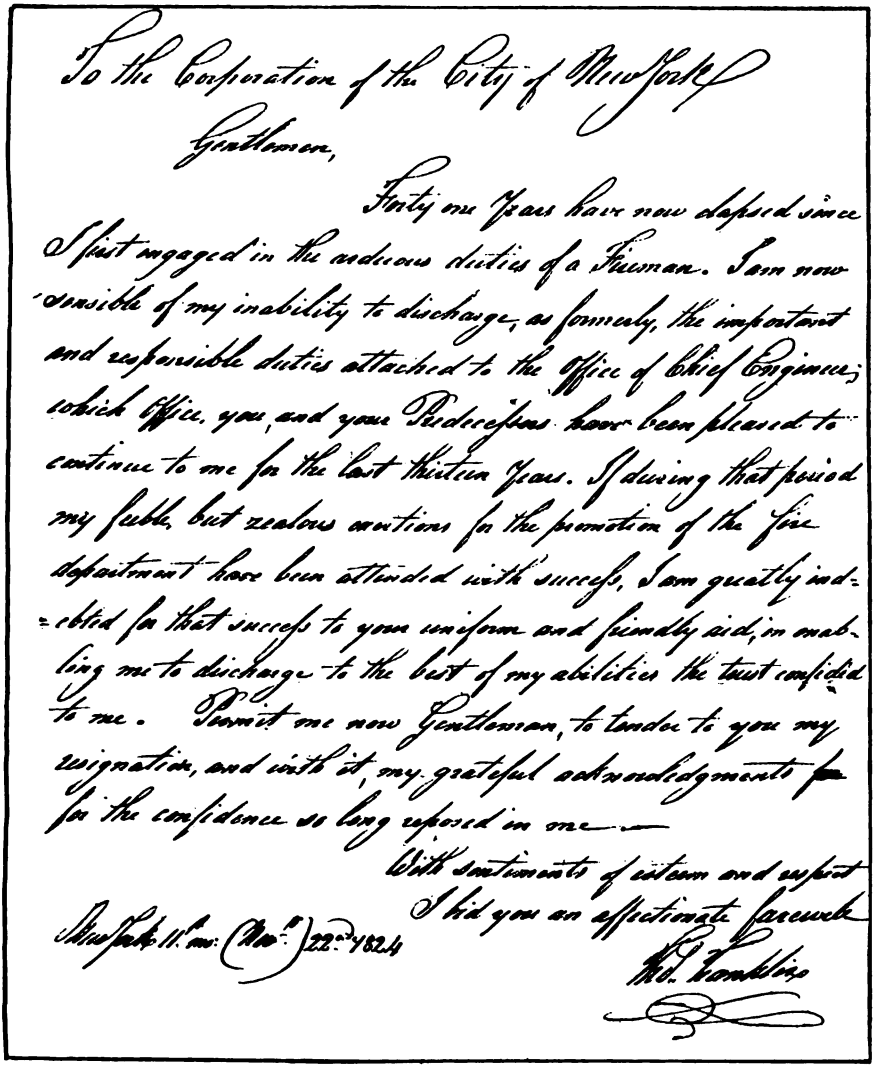
Alderman Wyckoff presented the following Vote of Thanks to Thomas Franklin which was unanimously adopted

[232] Resolved, That the thanks of the Common Council be presented to Mr Thomas Franklin for his services as a Fireman for Forty one Years, thirteen years of which he has held the important and responsible situation of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, during all which period he has performed the arduous duties attached to his Office to the entire satisfaction of this Board.

A Memorial of Benjamin M Brown and others Firemen presented this Evening and laid on the Table was now called up and read it stated at a public meeting of the Firemen held on the 2d December Inst. It was. Resolved That a meeting of the Firemen, Hook & Ladder, Hose cart & Firewardens be called by Companies previous to the 8th Inst. for the purpose of voting by sealed Ballots for a person to fill the office of Chief Engineer that a petition be presented to the Common Council to delay the appointment of Chief Engineer until an Election by the Firemen shall have taken place and the Common Council furnished with an official return, and praying the Common Council will accordingly delay the said Election the same having been read it was Resolved *[234] That the same lie on the Table

A Petition of Uzziah Wenman and of Peter W Engs for Office of Chief Engineer which had been laid on the Table this evening were called up and read—Mr Cowdrey rose in his place and observed that though there had been no petition on application from the person whom he had in view to fill the Office of Chief Engineer, still as he believed he would be very acceptable to the Fire Dapartment, and the Citizens generally he would take the liberty to nominate him—the person he alluded to was Mr Jameson Cox, and he accordingly nominated him as a Candidate for that Office

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.



To the Corporation of the City of New York

Gentlemen,

Forty one Years have now elapsed since I first engaged in the arduous duties of a Fireman. I am now sensible of my inability to discharge, as formerly, the important and responsible duties attached to the Office of Chief Engineer; which Office, you, and your Predecessors have been pleased to continue to me for the last thirteen Years. If during that period my feeble, but zealous exertions for the promotion of the Fire department have been attended with success, I am greatly indebted for that success to your uniform and friendly aid, in enabling me to discharge to the best of my abilities the trust confided to me. Permit me now Gentlemen, to tender to you my resignation, and with it, my grateful acknowledgments for the confidence so long reposed in me.

With sentiments of esteem and respect I bid you an affectionate farewell

New York 11th mo: (Nov.r) 22d 1824

Thos. Franklin

This letter is reproduced from the original which was found among the loose papers in the custody of the City Clerk. To-day we would call Thomas Franklin "Fire Commissioner." "Forty-one years" of service would make his connection with the department date from 1783, the year of the British evacuation. His name actually appears in the roll of firemen for Company No. 12 in the minutes of Feb. 15, 1786 (see vol. I, p. 202). He was appointed Chief Engineer Nov. 18, 1811, on the petition "of the Foremen of thirty-six Fire Engine Companies" (see vol. VI, p. 754). His annual reports, preserved among the city archives, are models of painstaking care, and his signature is attached to the certificates of hundreds of firemen. This touching letter of resignation may well be an inspiration to municipal servants of all future generations. See pages 137 and 190 in this volume for minutes in reference to it.—Ed.

The Board then proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill said Office when on counting the Ballots it appeared there were 17 votes for Mr Jameson Cox and it was Resolved that Jameson Cox be and he is hereby appointed Chief Engineer of the City of New York.

On motion Resolved, That when this Board adjourn they will adjourn to meet on Monday next at 4 Oclock,

[235] The Comptroller presented the following report

Balance as p^{r} Acct. 22 Novem^{r}	160.33	
Rec^{d} for Tax of 1824. 1. 3. 8 Wards	12.500.00	
" Rents	3.321.65	
" Streets	2.540.86	
" Fines &^{c} Of Attorney	501.04	
" Justices Courts	476.74	
" Wells & Pumps	348.96	
" Dist. Attorney's fees	158.89	
" Clerk of sessions fees	153.94	
" Mayoralty fees	72.00	
" Commutation Alien passengers	5.00	
Loan of Mechanics Bank Authorised 2^{d} February last	12.000.00	
		32.239.41

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts.

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist				813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2^{d} "				666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3^{d} "				645.75
R Graves st Comm^{r} 1 Q^{r} Salary 1 Oct^{r}				400.
Abr^{m} B Martling Keeper City Hall 6 Months 1 Novem^{r}				400.
J. Morton Clerk C. Council Additional Salary 1 Febr^{y} to 1 Novem^{r}				292.50
Geo Cuming City Inspec^{r} 1 Q^{r} 1 Inst				200.
John Fleming Treasurer 1 Qr 19 Oct^{r}				100.
[236] Ob. Ayres Asst City Inspec^{r} 1 Mo. 1 Inst				45.50
John Coffin	Do	Do	Do	45.50
Astin & Higbie	Messengers		Do	52.
W^{m} Schureman	Keeper	Pottersfield	Do	37.50
Ch^{s} Gilman	Do	Battery	Do	30.
A M^{c}Cready	Do	Park	Do	30.
O Jaques	Street	Inspector	Do	46.75
P Wright	Do		Do	46.75
T Jeroleman	Do		Do	46.75
N B Lyon	Do		Do	46.75
A Ackerman	Do		Do	46.75
W Kerr	Do		Do	46.75
B Fuller	Do		Do	46.75
S Hutchings	Do		Do	46.75
D Hubbard	Do		Do	46.75

M Ulshoeffer Counsel, drawing Laws, Costs of Suit &c....	173.46
J Morton for Hackhire paid by him for Corporation.....	9.
Wm Welsh posting 500 Proclamations of the Mayor.....	5.
Benj Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	45.50
J Pinkney Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	45.50
Thos Longworth Stationary.....	2.
[237] Office of Commercial, Advertising for Collector Arrears Taxes	94.
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 In.....	64.42
L Baum Do Costs &c enforcg Market Law.....	12.48
Jno Bremner Clk Catharine Market 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	56.
P. Amerman " Six Do 1 " 1 "	54.50
G Duryea " Fulton Do 1 " 1 "	41.67
R Smith " Franklin Do 1 " 1 "	37.50
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton " 1 " 1 "	38.50
Henry Post Junr Oil bot of Job Coleman.....	993.26
G Snethen Lightg Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	799.42
Rt Provoost repairg Do 1 " 1 "	95.38
Geo B Thorp Keeper City Prison & 2 Deps 1 Qr Salary 1 Novr	450.
John Gelston Hire of House at Kips Bay 6 Mo 1 Novr...	100.
Abrm Leggett Supers & Work Mud Machine to 5 Inst.....	126.38
Jas Morgan & son repairs to Mud Machine.....	14.75
J Hays & Officers Conveyg persons to City prison 1 Qr 1 Novemr	145.50
J Hays for Officers Extra Services police 1 Qr 26 Novemr	247.43
J Hays for Officers Conveying prisoners to penitentiary 1 Qr 26 Novr.....	38.
J Sidell to pay Officers attending at City Hall 25 Novemr..	18.
[238] Abrm Dally & others Assessing Streets &c 1 July to 1 Decemr	694.50
Daniel Ewen Survey Canal st Sewer.....	574.
C Mooney Acct. repavg Chatham St from Pearl to James St.....	500.
J McQueen & M Tally Acct. reg. Sundry Streets at Greenwich	302.88
J Culbert, Acct. reg & pav. Wooster St from Canal to Broome	300.
Thos Fairchild Inspectg pavg Sundry Sts.....	257.96
H Smith Acct. reg. & pav Columbia St. from Grand to Rivington St.....	100.
Owen Smith bal. reg & pav Eldridge from Stanton to North St.....	92.37
J McComb paving Sidewalks of M Lawson in Broad St recovered on Suit.....	10.22
J Anderson 3d paymt Building pier A[lbany] Basin.....	1819.56
J Anderson 4th & last " do do do	1798.34
Joseph Waldron 100 Trees on the Battery.....	175.
Jno J Labagh 12 grate Stones at Battery.....	75.63

W Westerfield & G Tucker bal Masons Work Fever Hospital	1190.	
A. Burtis Superintendant Alms House, Bal. for Expences f. Hospital	622.95	
A Burtis Superintt Alms House for Working Convicts....	1000.	
[239] Arthur Burtis Superintendant Alms House—for Alms House	4,500.	
Peter A Jay Counsel for persons claiming compensation for Stalls in Fly Market *in full*.....	10.272.46	
		[32173.61]
	Balance	**$65.80**

The Board adjourned
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[240] Special Meeting In Common Council December 13 1824

Present The Hon^ble W^m Paulding Jun^r Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^r Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Tho^s Bolton
Elisha W King	Sam^l St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Sam^l Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Tho^s T Woodruff
Geo S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of last regular Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Allen Street between Broome and Delancy Sts was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 10^th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Sundry Owners of Wharves praying that the practice of throwing Garbage [242] &c into the river may be discontinued was referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of the Contractors of the Street Manure of first and second Districts stating they are informed a quantity of Manure is required for public purposes and requesting they may supply the same and also requesting that a place for deposite of Manure may be assigned to them, also stating that suits are now pending against them for fines and praying the subject may be referred, was referred to the Lands and places Committee and the Police Committee

* New page, unnumbered and blank.—ED.

A Petition of John Ootthoudt for relief from assessment imposed on him for opening Thompson St. was referred to the Comm^ee on Assessments.

A Petition of Benjamin Marshall for relief from a personal Tax assessed on him—and also for permission to remove the earth from before his premises in 13 St. was read and the first part was referred to the Committee on Assessments and the latter to the Road Committee.

[243] A Petition of Joshua Sutton for appointment to the Office of Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Barbary Owens for permission to relinquish the Lease of Cellar under Washington Market was referred to the finance Committee.

A Petition of J Balestier stating he had a Well dug in Beach St. near corner of Varick St. at his own expence and praying he may be permitted to convey Water from the Same into his own premises by means of a Small pipe, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition that the Side Walks in Orange Street be paved from Broome to Prince Street was referred to the Street Committee.

The finance Committee on the petition of John R Murray as Agent for Hannah Murray for an alteration in the description of the Broadway line of a gore of Land sold to A Walker in 1812 reported against the Petition [244] as follows

The finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of John R Murray, who requests the Board to correct what he considers a mistake in the description of one of the boundary lines of a gore of Land Sold by the Corporation to Ann Walker in 1812. The mistake is that the property bounding the Gore on the South, or more properly on the South East, is described as owned by Walter Bowne, whereas M^r Bowne never owned the Same, but it was part of a continuation of Church Street, & is now owned by George Lorillard—The boundary however of the said Gore is correctly bounded on the North by property Sold to Peter Lorillard, and on the West by the line of Canal Street, and on the East, by property of Mrs Walker, and the number of feet and Inches are correctly given on all the boundaries—Under such circumstances, it is manifest that the mear naming of a wrong owner of the property bounding on the South (when all the other descriptions are accurate,) cannot be considered such a mistake, as to require correction in a Deed executed in 1812. The boundaries

are otherwise so sufficiently set forth, and also the Contents, [245] that your Committee deem it altogether unnecessary to do any thing further in the premises.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved. That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Reuben Munson,
William H Ireland
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee on the memorial of John Vanderlyn and on a petition of the Subscribers to the Rotunda for an extension of the Lease of the Rotunda to John Vanderlyn presented a Report against the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed memorial and Letter of John Vanderlyn on the subject of the Rotunda, and a memorial of the subscribers thereto—That a renewal of the Lease of the Rotunda is petitioned for—the present Lease expiring on the 1st of May, 1826, It was leased to Mr Vanderlyn for 9 Years, at a nominal rent, although your Committee cannot but favourably appreciate the views of the petitioners, they are of the Opinion [246] that it is inexpedient to grant any extension of the Lease in question. Your Committee cannot either perceive that when the Lease expires, it will be good policy to renew or extend it, upon the existing terms, or upon any other terms—That question must of necessity be reserved for a future Board to determine—but your Committee deem it altogether impolitic at present to renew or extend the Lease, and they therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff.

A Motion was made to lay the same on the Table—which was negatived, the question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee and was carried in the affirmative.

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slips on the petitions of the

Heirs of James Arden deceased, reported in [247] favour of the same as follows, viz,

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slips Report on the annexed petition of the Heirs representatives and Assigns of James Arden deceased, that they have duly investigated and considered the subject referred to them and can see no reason against granting the prayer of the petitioners, provided they sink or cause to be sunk a good and substantial bulk-head in a line with the extreme west ends of Kermets and Edgars piers they therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of the above mentioned petitioners be granted upon the terms stated in the above report.

(Signed) Geo. Zabriskie
Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the petition of Francis Spicer respecting a Stall in Washington Market claimed by him reported as follows—

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Spicer [248] stating that th[r]ough mistake the License for Stand No — Washington Market was issued in the name of his son and praying that the same may be corrected

Report, That they are unable to determine whether the Father or Son has the right to the Stand they both claiming it, the license being now in the name of the Son they believe it would be improper to alter it—They beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
Philip Hone
Thoms T Woodruff

Which was aproved & the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Resolution submitted to them respecting accommodations for the Fishermen in the Washington Market, presented the following Report.

The Market Committee to whom the annexed resolution was re-

ferred, to enquire into the propriety of erecting a [249] market house for the accommodation of the fishermen of the Washington Market

Report, That the Country part of that Market, altho large and spacious, is too small to accommodate the fishermen and country people resorting there, many of the latter are daily compelled to dispose of their produce in the adjourning Streets, not being able to obtain Stands within the Market House—these circumstances are no doubt well known to many of the Members of this Board—it is therefore not deemed necessary to say more on this branch of the subject.

Your Committee would recommend that a Suitable fishmarket be erected immediately in the rear of the Country market, Over the head of the Slip in conformity with the plan herewith submitted, the whole expence of which will not exceed Six or Seven Hundred dollars, by an estimate made by the Superintendant of repairs.

The following Resolution is submitted for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of repairs under the direction of the Market Committee erect a Suitable fish market over the head of the Slip, in the rear of [250] the Washington Country Market in conformity with the plan herewith submitted

respectfully presented
Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Philip Hone
Thos T Woodruff

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee presented the following, which was adopted.

The Market Committee respectfully beg leave to recommend that Benjamin M Taylor receive a Butchers License for Stand No 37 Catharine Market, and for that purpose offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Benjamin M Taylor be Licensed as a Butcher for Stand No 37 Catharine Market

respectfully Submitted
Shivers Parker
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Philip Hone
Thomas T Woodruff

[251] The Road Committee presented a Report on the petition of Jacobus Dyckman and others praying for the repairing of the Bridge across Harleam River commonly called the Free Bridge was read and laid for consideration.

The Law Committee on the Communication of the Street Commissioner on the Subject of certain Articles which had incumbered certain Wharves and had been removed by him to the public yard—reported as follows

The Law Committee to whom was referred a communication from the Street Commissioner on the Subject of certain Hhds of paints or some other article incumbering one of the Wharves on the east side of the City—report, That they have examined the subject and the Law relating to the Same, which directs the Street Commissioner to give 24 Hours notice to the owner of the Articles incumbering the Wharf to remove the Same, and in default of such removal to send the same to the Corporation Yard, and advertise and sell the Same to pay the expences of such removal—This Law has been for many years in operation and is very necessary; particularly to the commercial part of the community, in order to give all an equal [*251] opportunity in the use of those places of business—In the present case after diligent enquiry, no owner could be found, on whom to serve the notice—nor could any Agent or person having charge of the Articles be found—In such a Case a Committee are of opinion that the true intent and meaning of the Law is that the best notice shall be given that the nature of the case admits of—The notice in this case was given by placing it on one of the Hhds, or on a post adjoining them, printed in the usual form, quite conspicuous and signed by the Street Commissioner—This in the Opinion of the Committee would be more likely to reach the owner or agent sooner than any other mode that could have been pursued—The Committee cannot believe that a Notice published in any or all of the public Newspapers for 24 Hours would have been preferable, or in general would meet the eye of the owner sooner than the course pursued, besides in the generality of cases, such publications would be an unnecessary expense, which would fall upon Articles often of little [252] value—The Committee are of Opinion that the Street Commissioner acted in the line of his duty, and in pursuance of the spirit and meaning of the Law and his best judgement, and that the Law is sufficient to bear him out in the course which he has taken.

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

The Committee therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner proceed and advertise the Articles in the usual way as directed by the ordinance on that subject; and that he likewise give the owners a written notice of the time and place of Sale, and that unless they call and take the articles and pay the expences which have been necessarily incurred they will be sold accordingly.

(Signed) Alpheus Sherman
Elisha W King
Thos Bolton

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Subject of the Gaol & City prison or Bridewell and for the erection of a new City prison presented *presented* a Report which was read, the consideration postponed and directed to be printed for the use [*254] of the members.

The Attorney presented the following Leases for Lots sold for Non-payments of Taxes.

The Attorney herewith respectfully presents for execution two Leases of the hereinafter described pieces or parcels of land, which were sold for taxes and assessments, on the 12th August 1822, and which have not been redeemed: viz.

1. All those four certain Lots in the Tenth Ward of the City of New York, on the south side of North Street, between Columbia and Cannon Streets, asssesed to William Dawes, sold to Noah Brown for 100 years from 12 August 1824, for $508 $^{52}/_{100}$

2 All those four certain lots in the Said Tenth Ward, on the East Side of Cannon between Stanton and North Streets, assessed to Abijah Pell, sold to Noah Brown for 75 Years from 12th August 1824 for $472.$^{84}/_{100}$

These Leases have been made out under the direction of the Street Commissioner

M Ulshoeffer, Atty.

Whereupon the Leases were directed to be executed.

[255] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances, viz.

No 1	J Costor	Owner	20	Bancker St	A privy
2	S Duryee	Do	22	Do	"
3	L Tombs	Do	54	Do	"

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

4	H Hanon	Lessee	58	Bancker St	A privy
5	Do	Do	60	Do	"
6	Do	Do	62	Do	"
7	Widow Newton	Do	68	Do	"
8	J P Clements	Do	70	Do	"
9	Ann Hamilton	Do	76	Do	"
10	D OHarraughty	Do	78	Do	"
11	Jn° Fagan	Do	80	Do	"
12	Joseph Hall	Do	82	Do	"
13	G Byrne	Do	84	Do	"
14	Mrs Davis	Do	92	Do	"
15	W Norman	Do	100	Do	"
16	R Williams	Do	118	Do	"
17	J Watson	Do	120	Do	"
18	J Furman	Do	122	Do	"
19	D Stuart	Agent	124	Do	"
20	Do	Do	126	Do	"
21	Do	Do	128	Do	"
22	Widow Buchanan	Owner	132	Do	"
23	M Dollard	Do	136	Do	"
24	[256] Dennis McCarthy	do	138	do	"
25	Ellen Reynolds	do	140	do	"
26	Do	do	140	do	"
27	A Philips	do	142	do	"
28	J Beekman	do	156	do	"
29	Do	do	158	do	"
30	M. C L'Hommedieu	do	164	do	"
31	W Hicks	do	178	do	"
32	D Goldsmith	do	184	do	"
33	J Englesbe	do	36	Pike	"
34	J Pledel	do	38	do	"
35	P Heyden	do	40	do	"
36	Do	do	42	do	"
37	Do	do	44	do	"
38	Do	do	46	do	"

Geo Cuming
City Inspr

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee have authority to consent to an amicable settlement of the question arising upon the Chamberlain's Letter respecting the Tax upon one of the Incorporated Insurance Companies

[257] Alderman Wyckoff also presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the City Inspector be directed to provide a Suitable place for the Deposite of all such Street Manure, rubbish and other

matter as may be removed from the Streets of this City by reason of the refusal or neglect of the Contractors to remove the Same under the direction of the Committee on Lands and places,

Mr Burtsell presented a Resolution referring it to the Committee on Lands and Places to enquire into the propriety of repairing the fence surrounding the Park in Duane Street Which was adopted.

Mr Cowdrey presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorised to report Warrants on the Order of the Street Inspectors for the amount of the expense of the removal of dirt from the Streets under the late Ordinance for the removal of filth and dirt—Such Warrants to be approved by the Chairman of the Committee on Lands and places.

[258] Mr Cowdrey presented the following preamble and Resolutions, which were adopted.

Whereas, the practice of raising and lowering Goods, Wares and Merchandize, to and from Lofts and Stores, in this City by means of pulleys, tackles, and Windlasses, is dangerous to the Safety and lives of passengers, and such practice is also contrary to an express provision of one of the Ordinances of this Board.

Resolved, that the different Street Inspectors, be and they are directed forthwith to report to the Attorney of this Board, the names of all occupants and persons having Charge of Lofts and Stores in their respective Wards, within the Lamp and Watch Districts, who shall suffer any Cask, bale, bundle, box, or Crate, or any Goods, wares, or merchandize to be raised or lowered into or from, any loft, Store or Room, from or into any Street, by means of a pully, tackle or Windlass

Resolved, That the Attorney of this Board be and he is hereby directed, on receiving such information, from any or either of the Said Street Inspectors, to [259] take immediate measures for enforcing the provision above referred to.

Resolved, That the Clerk furnish each of the Street Inspectors, and the Attorney of the Board with a Copy of this Resolution

Which was adopted and directed to be published in the daily papers of the City

On motion the Committee on the petition of John Haggerty and others praying a repeal of the Law respecting hoisting merchandize in the Streets were requested to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Alderman King presented the following

Resolved, that the Counsel of this Board be instructed to amend the Ordinance in relation to hoisting Goods over any Streets, lanes

or Alleys in this City as to prevent any fixtures over any such Streets &c. for the purpose of such hoisting—which being read was referred to the Committee above mentioned on the Petition of John Haggerty and Others—(viz Street Committee)

[260] Alderman Doughty presented a draught [of] a Law to amend the Law regulating the City Prison and Bridewell by repealing the 12th Section thereof which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[*] In Common Council December 20th 1824.

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor president
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Saml Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	William Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thos T Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last Special Meeting were read and approved.

A petition of P H Penault an officer of the Corps of Topographical Engineers of the U S Army praying a relief from Tax assessed on him—was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[262] A petition of David Higbie and John Astin Messengers of the Board praying an additional compensation was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Nathaniel Slawson for Appointment of Clerk of Catharine Market or the Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Robert McGill for permission to erect an area in front of his House No 70 Chamber Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thompson Price for remission of fine incurred by erecting a Stoop in Harman Street It was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Albertson McCoon for relief from fine incurred by

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

erecting a Stoop in Market Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Francis Spicer praying he may be heard before the Market Committee respecting the Stall [263] formerly held by him, was read and referred to the Market Committee *respecting the Stall formerly held by him, was read and referred to the Market Committee.*

A Petition of William Wilbers for Stall N° 54 Washington Market at present held by William P Munson who is willing to relinquish the same was referred to the Market Committee

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the account of John Woodward present the following report.

The finance Committee, to whom was referred the account of John Woodward Esqr, Clerk of this County, for services under the Election Law, respectfully report, that the[y] believe the charges in the account are sanctioned by Law, and must therefore be paid, but they are of the Opinion that some of those services might be dispensed with, and that the Law ought to be altered, Your Committee therefore offer, for the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions,

1 Resolved, that the Comptroller audit the Account of M^{r} Woodward, as rendered

2^{d} Resolved, that the Subject of [264] altering the Law relative to the duties of the Clerk of the County, under the Election Laws, be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

(Signed) Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
W^{m} H Ireland
W^{m} Burtsell.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The finance Committee to whom was referred the subject of purchasing a Lot of Ground to be appropriated for Engine Houses— reported as follows

The finance Committee to whom was delegated the authority to purchase a Lot of Ground to be appropriated for Fire Engine Houses, respectfully report, that having agreed with Elizabeth Sherman for the purchase of a lot owned by her in the 10th Ward, on the Westerly side of Chrystie St. 25 feet front and rear, & 100 feet deep, they have accordingly requested the Comptroller to report a Warrant in her favour for $700 the consideration money, which is to be delivered to

her on her executing a proper Deed for the premises to the Corporation, and [265] satisfying an existing Mortgage on the premises, and on the Counsel of the Board being satisfied as to the title—Your Committee therefore Submit the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Counsel deliver the Said Warrant to Mrs Sherman, on her complying with the terms above Stated

Signed, Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The finance Committee to whom was referred the representation of the Chamberlain on the subject of the Tax imposed on Incorporated Companies presented the following report.

The finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed representation of the Chamberlain respecting the Tax on Incorporated Companies, that under the authority given to the Committee at the last meeting of the Board, they have consented to a reference of the particular question arising under the [266] Chamberlains report, the result of which will, when ascertained, be communicated to the Board. But your Committee are well satisfied, from an examination of the existing tax law, as well in respect of incorporations, as of individuals, that it requires amendments, so as to explain more precisely than it does, its true meaning, and to avoid in future, controversies and litigation—The law ought to be more definite and explicit as to the exemptions under it and as to the meetings of the Supervisors in this City and the period during which the Assessments are to be made in the City—It ought also to declare more expressly whether the Companies are to pay a percentage on their Capital, dividends, income or profits, not leaving it subject to doubt and question as the existing Law does; Other amendments ought also to be suggested, which it might be well to incorporate together in a Law, and submit to the Legislature at its next session, The Subject ought generally to be referred to a proper Committee, in order that it may be forwarded to Albany, at as early a period as practicable, Your Committee therefore submit for the consid [267] eration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Subject of amending the existing laws as to taxation, and the assessment and collection of Taxes, be referred to

the Committee on Applications to the Legislature, in order that they may prepare and report the draft of a Proper Memorial and Law, to the Legislature.

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee on the Petition of Gulian Ludlow in case of Edward Rogers presented the following Report.

The finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Gulian Ludlow, That Mr Ludlow has received from England a power of Attorney from James Rogers, the father of Edward Rogers, a seaman, who it seems died on board the Peacock Sloop of War, and whose wages & prize money amounting to $206 28/100 were paid into the Treasury by the public Administrator James Rogers claims to [268] be the next of kin and heir of Edward Rogers. But on examination it appears that on the 14 February 1820. this money was paid to Wm Craig, Merchant, of New York, on his Bond of indemnity, He received it for Alice Rogers the Widow of Edward, by the consent of the devisees of said Edward, It is thus evident that this money had already been paid to the persons properly entitled to it— and that if James Rogers is the father of Edward, he was ignorant, when he sent this power, that Edward had left a Will and a Widow— Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Reuben Munson
George Zabriskie
Signed, Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slips on the several petitions for Appointment to Office of Inspector of Firewood referred to them presented the following report.

[269] The Committee on Wharves piers & Slips Report on the petitions of Jacob F *Sciscoe* [Cisco], Whitfield Case, Samuel Middleton, Benjamin Sweet, Simon Ackerman, Arnout Brown, John T Blauvelt, John Requa, Jessee Reeve, James Grieg, Eli Chapen, Dunbar

Sloan, John B Pole, Jas Wilsey, Daniel Morgan, William Passman, John Hubbard and Samuel Bell praying to be appointed inspectors of fire wood, that no vacancies now exist in the office of inspectors of fire wood, and that the petitions many of them have been in the hands of the Committee for almost a year, they therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions, and to this end the Resolution following is submitted

Resolved, that the petitioners mentioned in the above report have leave to withdraw their petitions

George Zabriskie
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Saml Cowdrey

Which was approved and the resolution adopted,

The finance Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee from the Board of Supervisors in relation to the accounts [270] of the Assessors of the Several Wards, presented the following Report.

The Report of the Committee of the Board of Supervisors was as follows.

The Committee on the Assessors accounts for the Year 1824 report that by the schedule made by the Comptroller it appears that the aggregate amount paid the Assessors in the several Wards in this City in the year 1817 was $2,391.25 Since that period the amount has annually encreased until this year the aggregate sum charged by them is $4,110 thus it will be perceived that in the short space above mentioned their Compensation has been encreased nearly One Hundred per Cent, the Committee are not aware that any Circumstances have occured within that period that would justify such augmentation but on the contrary the necessary family disbursements are less than they were some years since, and it is further believed that the labour especially in the lower Wards has very little if at all increased and that in the upper Wards it has not increased in a relative proportion to the sums charged, while the Committee admit that a just and even liberal allowance ought to be given those [271] gentlemen for their services they are nevertheless constrained to remark that the sum charged the present year is altogether dispropotioned to the duties rendered, but inasmuch as they have been already performed, but more especially as they do not much exceed what they were allowed the last year they would recommend under these circumstances that

their Bills be paid, but at the same time they beg leave to suggest the propriety of having a tariff fixing the compensation of the Assessors embracing a minimum and maximum amount then it will not rest with them to charge whatever they in discretion may deem proper, this however can only be done by an amendment to the Law for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, an experience of two years has pointed out many imperfections in this Law, to which or some of which the attention of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature has been called by a resolution of the Common Council passed at its late meeting, the Committee as already mentioned are of opinion that an amendment similar to the one above pointed out ought to be applied for at the next session of the Legislature, they therefore in addition to a resolution directing the Assessors bills to be paid recommend [272] the following

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on applications to the Legislature to enquire into the expediency of having the law for the Assessment and Collection of taxes so amended as to embrace a provision by which the Compensation of the Assessors of this City shall be fixed at a sum not less than ———— dollars and not exceeding ———— dollars per Annum

Resolved, That the Bills of the Assessors for the present year be paid

George Zabriskie
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Reuben Munson

The Report of the Committee was as follows. Viz,

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the annexed report made to the board of Supervisors on the 8th Novemr 1824, on the subject of the allowance proper to be made to the Assessors of the respective Wards of the City, respectfully report thereon, that by the Law (2 R L 519 Sec 29) each Assessor is entitled to One dollar and twenty five cents per day for his services; and by the new tax law (46 Sec ch 262) no provision appears to be made on the subject; but the repealing [273] clause of the latter act (Sec 69) does not, in the opinion of your Committee, effect the before mentioned provision as to the allowance to assessors—By the tenth Section of the present tax Law, the assessors between the first days of May and July are to make their assessments and complete them for the Supervisors, on or before the 1st day of August in each year. By a resolution of this Board of the 12 August 1817, it was agreed to allow the Assessors of taxes $2 5/100 per day—Altho this resolution expired, as all

such acts of the Board, in three years—still, as it was intended to put the Tax Assessors on a footing with the Assessors of Wells and pumps, it would seem that they had a right to expect the sum of $2 per day, which is the allowance made to Assessors by the last revision of the Corporation laws (page 122) for assessing repairs of Streets and which required 6 hours service for each day, but that part, as to any number of hours, has been repealed by a subsequent resolution of the board—It thus would appear that the Assessors, by the law, are only entitled to ten Shillings per day; but that they are perhaps [274] equitably entitled to expect two dollars per day for the present year—Your Committee express the latter Opinion hesitatingly, because they are inclined to think that it would at all times be the best policy to make the allowance according to Law, and not to go beyond the Statue, but rather to get the Statute amended if it be unjust or inexpedient, nevertheless, on examining the accounts of the Assessors, your Committee have found that the charges are not in every instance made for days services, but your Committee, under all the circumstances have audited these accounts, agreeably to the schedule herein contained, making the allowances upon the principle of days services, and at the rate of two dollars per day for the present year.

In order however that this subject may be settled for the future, Your Committee have also in the said Schedule proposed a tariff of allowance to be hereafter paid to tax assessors—It will be seen by the Law above quoted, that the Assessors are only limited, in the time of discharging their duties, by the time between the first of May and the first of August, This time, Your [275] Committee think, is more than is requisite; and therefore they would not propose to allow two dollars per day during all that period of time—They think that the time to be allowed ought to be much more limited. In the future allowance or tariff, Your Committee have therefore lessened the amount to be allowed to, and divided between the Assessors of each Ward, being fully convinced that the Assessors need not occupy more time in discharging their duties, than they are allowed for in the tariff now proposed by your Committee. Your Committee have made such an allowance as they conceive would be just, and a fair equivalent for the Services of the Assessors; and if they are unwilling to accept this compensation for all their yearly Services, they can only claim their daily allowance of ten Shillings allowed by the Law

The Tariff of allowance proposed by Your Committee is to be in full of all claims and demands by the Assessors for every service rendered by them as Assessors

[276] Proposed allowance

1st Ward	for 1824	$320	In future	$260
2d	Do	Do	260	Do	260
3d	Do	Do	320	Do	260
4th	Do	Do	288	Do	260
5th	Do	Do	320	Do	300
6th	Do	Do	304	Do	300
7th	Do	Do	260	Do	260
8th	Do	Do	320	Do	300
9th	Do	Do	316	Do	300
10th	Do	Do	320	Do	300
			$3028		$2800

Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller audit the Assessors Accounts agreeably to the tariff and allowance contained in this Report

(Signed) Reuben Munson
Geo. Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which report was read and approved and the Resolution adopted

[277] The Committee on Lands and places presented the following report, on the subject of the City Burial Ground,

The Committee on public Lands & places, to whom was referred the subject of a City Cemetry or Burying Ground—Report

That the business of preparing and establishing a City burying ground has been during the past season, progressing under the direction of the Committee, and the Superintendant of the Alms House, Mr Burtis, and is now nearly completed.

The Ground selected for this purpose is very eligibly situated, on the middle road on 5th Avenue, about three miles from the City Hall, and lying between the 40th & 42d Streets—It is a pleasant, elevated and airy Situation, and the soil tho' not sandy is a mixture of Clay, marl and Sand, and partakes of the nature of the Island generally

This piece of ground comprises about ten Acres, nearly square, and forms a section of the ground contemplated to be set apart for the purpose of a public cemetry for the present and future accommodation of the City—It is a part of the Common Lands, belonging to the Corporation and therefore the more desireable on that account,

as the purchase of ground from individuals for that purpose, would [278] have been attended with a very considerable expence to the City. Around this section of ground there has been erected, what was indispensibly necessary, a high, strong and at the same time a handsome fence. It consists of a Stone wall laid in lime and pointed four feet and a half high, including the foundation wall, and three feet above the surface of the Earth, two feet thick, and the top covered or coped with cut stone and the whole clamped and leaded through out in the best manner. On the top of this is a strong mortised fence, five feet high, made of Locust posts and the best Georgia pine, turned tops, and finished & painted in a handsome and workmanlike manner. This is completed with four Gates, one on each side made of the above materials, with cut stone pillers & Caps.

The Ground on the west and fronting on the Sixth avenue having been raised presents the whole plot of ground and the fence thereon standing upon a regular inclined plane. This cemetry under the direction and in the charge of a faithful Keeper, living in an adjoining house, lighted at Night with a sufficient number of Lamps, and watched with two or three watchmen, will render it not only a convenient place [279] for interment, but a safe and secure place against all unlawful violations or encroachments

Although the fence has been the principal subject of expence, much has been saved by the employment of the convicts in blasting, digging and doing the labouring work. The 5th Avenue has at the same time been improved and benefited by the removal of a number of rocks; and others will be cleared away in blasting stones for the Vaults and foundations yet to be completed. The Avenue on the West and the Street on the South Side of the enclosure have been filled in to the height of 5 or 6 feet and regulated. The lower side of this ground enclosed along the western side wall has also been filled in comprising a strip of 20 feet in width, across the field, this part & the northerly side of the Ground is very fit, and the most proper part for graves.

Whether it will be advisable to convert the whole ground into vaults, as some have recommended, or a part of it only; or dispose of the ground, in parcels with or without vaults, to families and congregrations will be a subject for further consideration.

The Committee however have prepared a map or plan, which they submit for Inspection, laying the Ground out for Vaults. [280] It gives eight double rows across the field, 30 feet wide, leaving a Space of 20 feet between each. These double rows being divided and separated

will give 180 single vaults 10 feet by 15 in each double row or 1440 in the whole. Those intended as private Vaults may be reduced to nearly half that size.

The Committee have concluded to finish two rows of these vaults, the ground of which is principally dug out for that purpose. They are to be built with stone foundations and the partition walls and arches of brick, and will cost upon an average calculation about 75 dollars for each of the size of 10 feet by 15.

The principal expense attending this burial ground has already been incurred & has amounted to the present time, as will appear by the account Current of the Superintendant of the Alms House, herewith submitted, to $8449.91 of this sum there remains due $3449.91 which will require an appropriation by the Board in favour of the Superintendant to enable him to meet that deficiency.

The only remaining expence will be the completing of the two rows of vaults and the furnishing a number of trees which [281] has been partly engaged at a very cheap and reasonable rate.

The whole ground is to be surrounded with two rows of trees, weeping Willows and Elms alternately placed in two lines along the fence on each side of the square.

The interior walks and ground are to be intersperced with smaller trees and shrubbery; so situated as not to interfere with the intended use of the Ground and at the same time to present an appearance ornamental and becoming a burying ground or cemetry for the City.

The Committee now have under consideration the subject of selecting and setting apart a piece of Ground for a permanent Pottersfield, which in their opinion ought not only to be distinct, but remote from the City Burying Ground.

The present Pottersfield is nearly filled, and by Spring it will be necessary to remove it to some other place—The Committee are in hopes by that time or before to select some suitable place for that purpose to be recommended to the Board for their approbation,

The Committee therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Comptroller report a [282] Warrant at the next meeting of the Board in favour of Arthur Burtis Treasurer for the Balance due on the account hereunto annexed

Sam[l] St John
Alpheus Sherman
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Reuben Munson
Elisha W King

The question being taken thereon it was approved and the Resolution adopted.

Alderman Wyckoff presented Resolutions directing that the Committee on Lands & Places be instructed to discontinue making any further improvements on the City Burial Ground—and also authorizing the Committee to advertise and Sell at public Auction the above ground in such manner as they may deem most advantageous to the public interest.

Alderman King presented the following Resolution, as a substitute for Alderman Wyckoff's Resolution.

Resolved that the Committee on Lands and places be authorised to progress in building a row of double Vaults across the City Burial Ground upon the plan proposed by them, as soon as the season will permit.

[283] Alderman Wyckoff consented to accept of Alderman King's resolution.

The question was taken on the Resolution proposed by Alderman King, and was carried in the Affirmative.

Mr Bolton called for a division the members voted as follows.

Affirmative Mr Recorder Alderm King Seymour Parker Mann Doughty & Munson Mess St John Hone, Cowdrey Burtsell, Conover Cox Sherman & Ostrander 15 votes.

Negative Alderm Wyckoff Ireland Taylor & Zabriskie Mr Bolton & Woodruff 6 votes.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John Oothoudt presented a report, together with an explanatory Letter from John S Hunn formerly St. Commissioner, which Report was referred to the Street Committee and the papers alluded to in said Report directed to be placed on file

The Committee on Assessment on the Petition of Robert Le Roy reported against the same as follows.

The Committee on Assessment to whom [284] the following Petition of Robert Le Roy was referred, report that they have met several times for the purpose of considering the subject matter of the said Petition, at each of which meetings Mr Le Roy was directed to be notised in the usual manner, and the messenger states that he has delivered the notices at the residence of Mr Le Roy, That Mr Le Roy not having attended the Committee, & the Committee having uninformation as to the subject of complaint stated by Mr Le Roy, they are compelled at the close of their official duties, for the reasons above stated, independent of any others, to report that in their opinion the

prayer of the petitioner ought to be rejected—They accordingly recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

Saml Cowdrey
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
George Zabriskie
Stephen Conover

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on petition for a Well and Pump corner of Amity St and 6th Avenue reported in favour of [285] same as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for a Well & Pump in Amity Street near the Sixth Avenue, report that in their opinion, the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
R Graves St. Commr

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for repealing the Law respecting hoisting merchandize in the streets reported against the same as follows. viz,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry persons, praying that the Law respecting the hoisting Goods from the Streets in this City, may be suspended or limited to buildings peculiarly circumstanced.

Report, that they have given the subject their deliberate attention, and are of the opinion that the Ordinance complained of is a necessary and salutary Law, and ought not to be compromised or suspended [286] in its operations—and accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Saml St John

Which was approved the Resolution adopted, and was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

The Street Committee on the petition of Peter Smith that former regulation of Pitt Street may be adopted, reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Peter Smith for an alteration in the regulation adopted for the paving of a part of Pitt Street—Report—that in their opinion the present regulation as shewn on the profile of that Street is the most proper, and ought to be adopted. Accordingly they Offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioner.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
[287] (Signed) Reuben Munson
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the remonstrance against paving Crosby Street this season reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons against the paving of the side walks in Crosby Street between Grand and Broome Street the present season—Report, that in their opinion the laying of the walks ought not to be postponed and accordingly offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Reuben Munson
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Chief Engineer presented the following return of Firemen certifying the proper vacancies and they were accordingly appointed.

[288] Fire Warden 5[th] Ward

John P Bailey, Sugar refiner 162 Church
Vice Richard Jaques, time Expired

Fire Hose Company N° 1

Walter B Townsend, Druggist 345 Pearl St.
Vice E. J Moore—Resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Joshua Warren House Carpenter, 270 Delancy St
Vice John Phillips Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 6

Robert Norris Marble Cutter Cor N[orth] M[oore] & Greenw[h]
John J Berdan Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 14

John C Talman Hatter—64 Vesey St
Vice, John Haight—time Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 22

Andrew Tuley Shoemaker 13 Stanton St.
Vice John Vanhorn Resigned
William D Ivans Ship Carpenter 50 Beaver St
Vice Elephelus Tracy Expelled
Charles Clinton Ship Carpenter 111 Lombardy St
Vice Luke Covert—resigned

[289] Fire Engine Company N° 24

James H Greenfield Clerk 77 Pearl St.
Vice Sam[l] Earle, Term Expired

Fire Engine Company N° 26

Benjamin Sands Grocer Cor Pike & Water
Vice James M Tuthill App[d] Warden
Thomas Jenkins Brass founder 149 Harman
Vice Edward Smylie App[d] Warden

Fire Engine Company N° 27

William Parmly Hatter, 464 Greenwich St.
Vice David Woodruff Resigned
James R Howell Gold Beater 23 Vandam
Vice Joseph Underhill Resigned
William Gesner Ship Carpenter 433 Greenwich
Vice Moses Beadell Resigned
James Scott Stone Cutter Greenwich nr Laight
Vice Azriah Ross Resigned
William French Carpenter Spring St. Vice Isaac Hinds Resigned
Walter McBride, Stone Cutter 172 Duane St.
Vice Albert Berdan Resigned

George W Van Beuren Stone Cutter 8 Clarke St
Vice John Berdan Resigned
Daniel Duryea Carpenter Thompson Vice Isaac Benson Resigned
Simeon Van Winkle Grocer 23 Leonard
Vice, Jotham Garthwait Resigned
[290] Freeman Sperry—Stone Cutter—Greenwich St
Vice Robert Norris—Resigned
Daniel Van Vailer Shoemaker Desbrosses
Vice M Barren—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 38

Daniel S Collier Porter House Bowery Hill
Vice David Robertson Resigned
Augustus Cregier Carver 3d Avenue
Vice Nicholas Tripple Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 39.

John Morange Engraver Liberty St.
Vice John R. S. Huggitt—Resigned

The Attorney presented the following Resolution for opening a New Street in the 7th Ward from Grand to South St.

Resolved, That it is desireable for the public convenience to form and open a New Street in the Seventh Ward of the City of New York to extend from Grand Street to South Street, between Scammel St. and Walnut Street, as the said New Street is laid out on a map shewing the property required to be taken for Opening the same, dated New York December 20th 1824, surveyed by Thomas R Ludlam [291] City Surveyor; and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done, and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court, at its ensuing February term, for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect

Which resolution was adopted.

He also presented a petition to the Supreme Court, for the Appointing of Commrs of Estimate and Assessment for forming and Opening the said New Street in the 7th Ward—Whereupon the said Petition was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and pump in Amity Street near 6th Avenue, which was passed and Francis Peckwell, Isaac Kipp and Cary Dunn Junr were appointed Assessors

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed, viz.

For Well and pump in Norfolk St. near Rivington St. and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

Also an assessment for regulating and paving Suffolk St. from Delancy to Stanton St. and Morris De Camp was appd Collector.

[292] Also an assessment for regulating and paving Chrystie St. from Delancy to Stanton St. and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances.

No						
	1	Wm Spencer	Occupant	30	Catharine St	A privy
	2	A Smith	Do	32	do	do
	3	B Titus	Do	68	do	do
	4	J Drake	Do	98	do	do
	5	R Baird	Do	100	do	do
	6	Sl P Avery	Do	102	do	do
	7	D Thompson	Do	56	Cherry St	do
	8	C Joslyn	Do	66	do	do
	9	P Shonnard	Do	82	do	do
	10	W Acheson	Do	88	do	do
	11	A Depew	Do	90	do	do
	12	Sl Thompson	Do	96	do	do
	13	J McFarlan	Do	156	do	do
	14	R Baird	Do	158	do	do
	15	E *Tillers* [Tullis]	Do	8	Chesnut	do
	16	Ann Low	Do	14	do	do
	17	J Dayman	Do	26	Harman	do
	18	T Wymbs	Do	30	do	do
	19	[293] L Bell	Do	32	do	do
	20	L Judson	Do	34	do	do
	21	J Mansfield	Do	64	do	do
	22	Wm Hull	Do	74	do	do
	23	S Brown	Do	4	Henry St	do
	24	Chs Innes	Do	7	do	do
	25	P McGinnis	Do	24	do	do
	26	D Peoples	Do	26	do	do
	27	Ann Garretson	Do	33	do	do
	28	M Cahill	Do	36	do	do
	29	D Lane	Do	40	do	do
	30	L Ductele	Do	42	do	do
	31	J Caharty	Do	44	do	do
	32	E Weeks	Do	55	do	do
	33	J Baptist	Do	71	do	do

34	E Hilleker	Occupant	74	Henry St	A privy
35	H Turley	Do	75	do	do
36	J Pies	Do	87	do	do
37	T Adams	Do	88	do	do
38	J Town	Do	89	do	do
39	T Ewings	Do	92	do	do
40	C Johnson	Do	94	do	do
41	A Weeks	Do	115	do	do
42	Wm McCarthy	Do	3	James St	do
43	M Bruce	Do	69	do	do
44	M Kelly	Do	75	do	do
45	H Bottles	Do	77	do	do
46	J Arno[l]d	Do	81	do	do
47	J Hagerdon	Do	83	do	do
48	[294] C. Jasper	Do	6	Lombardy St	do
49	J Titus	Do	11	do	do
50	P Williams	Do	16	do	do
51	O McCabe	Do	27	do	do
52	C Boylan	Do	29	do	do
53	A Anderson	Do	30	do	do
54	Ross Duffy	Do	32	do	do
55	J Cockfair	Do	35	do	do
56	R Gildersleeve	Do	52	do	do
57	A Bogie	Do	54	do	do
58	T Lyon	Do	71	do	do
59	T Sharp	Do	75	do	do
60	J Brown	Do	79	do	do
61	J Bird	Do	14	Oak St	do
62	W P Tu[r]nure	Do	22	do	do
63	J Nash	Do	30 & 32	do	do
64	Wm Walsh	Do	34	do	do
65	A Sheffield	Do	13	Oliver St	do
66	J McColgan	Do	15	do	do
67	E Stephenson	Do	17	do	do
68	P McGaviston	Do	19	do	do
69	Wm Graham	Do	28	do	do
70	J Wright	Do	9	Pike	do
71	J Carroll	Do	25	do	do
72	S Thatcher	Do	25	do	do
73	C Clevers	Do	29	do	do
74	J Englesbe	Do	35	do	do
75	A Lunyea	Do	39	do	do
76	Rime Stewart	Owner		Howard	A Lot
77	[295] Richd Riker	do		Mercer St	do
78	H Maxwell	do		do	do
79	J R Livingston	do		Elizabeth St.	do

Geo Cuming
Cy Inspector

A petition for a Well and pump at the head of Chrystie St. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 10th Ward and St. Commissioner.

A Petition of Henry Camerden for remission of fine incurring by hoisting merchandise in the Street contrary to the Ordinance in that case made and provided, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Wm Clark for relief from penalty incurred by erecting a Stoop further in the Street than allowed by Law, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Ireland to be relieved from the immediate payment of an Assessment for the Opening of Thompson St. he having a larger sum awarded to him for damages on opening said Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

[296] A Petition of Joseph Claghorn for office of Inspector of Firewood was presented and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Abraham Bro[o]ke and Whitehead Hicks for relief from fine respecting Stoops erected by them in Market St was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Peter G Stuyvesant for compensation for damages occasioned by persons under direction of the Corporation digging out the 3d Avenue, whereby his fencies have been prostrated and the lawn injured, was referred to the Road Committee.

Alderman Taylor presented the following

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Repairs construct and place a trunk of Timber and plank of sufficient dimensions to convey the waters of the Minetto brook from the present tunnel at Fourth St. until it shall intersect the Fifth Avenue at Sixth Street—which was referred to the Canal Committee with powers

[297] The Report of the Special Committee on the subject of the Gaol and Bridewell was called up and read in the words following

The special Committee to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of the Jail, Bridewell, and the erection of a new City Prison, report

That they have given the subject a careful examination, and reflected upon it in the different views in which it has been suggested to their minds, and have finally agreed to submit to the Board for their consideration the outlines of a plan, which has for its object—1st the erection of a new City Prison, to answer both for a Debtor's Jail and Bridewell—2d the enlarging and ornamenting the public prom-

enade ground of the park—3d the removal of the present Jail and Bridewell from the places where they are now situated, and 4th the sale of certain real property now in the occupation of private individuals, to defray all necessary expenses.

The present Jail or building has become old and in a state of decay, and if continued must be new roofed and repaired at considerable expense; it is an establishment unnessarily large for the small number of Debtors usually [298] confined therein, not generally more than Six or Eight, and they for small amounts, it is a fact, that at this present time *that at this present time* there is but one debtor confined in that Jail, and for two days previous it has been entirely empty; a circumstance which perhaps has never before occured. From the prevailing policy pursued by the Legislature of our State, as well as others, on the subject of Insolvent Laws. and the imprisonment for Debt, it is not probable that the number of Debtors usually confined in our jail will increase, but on the contrary may diminish. A few rooms in the wing of a City prison, to be erected, will in the opinion of the Committee answer every purpose of a debtor's jail, and render unnecessary a separate establishment kept up at some considerable expense for that purpose

The present building called the Bridewell, has long been complained or by grand Juries and others, as being too limited and confined, and too deficient in rooms to answer the purpose intended. prisoners committed there of all grades of crime, from grand larceny down to [299] simple misdemeanors and misconduct; old experienced offenders and young boys, are necessarily confined together in the same room; in consequence of which, the latter become initiated into all the various ways and devices of the old and more experienced in crimes and offences. In this situation, so much to be regretted, all the advantages resulting from classifying & separating prisoners, according to their age, characters and offences, with which they are charged and which have been realized in other prisons with so much success, are lost in ours—there is little hope of promoting the great cause of reform, and reclaiming those just entering on the paths of Vice, unless there is a change in this improper mode of confinement. In the building now used as a Bridewell this important object cannot be accomplished.

These two prisons, the Debtors Jail and Bridewell like all other prisons, not situated upon the Water's edge, necessarily become offensive in consequence of the yards, privies and out houses that surround them. They collect together a State of things that continually pre-

sent to the mind the idea of a nuisance. Above all places, the Park, the ornament of the City, should be the last for the location [300] of such establishments. They are incompatible with the idea of public Walks and pure air, so necessary to health, and so highly appreciated by the inhabitants of all compact Cities.

The Committee feeling impressed with the importance of the subject, which is strongly enforced by a variety of reasons, they recommend the building of a City Prison, which will answer every purpose of a Bridewell and a Debtor's Jail; to be located somewhere upon the Edge of the North River, so that all the filth of the Prison be conducted into the Water. Such a location appears to be peculiarly proper; it would not only contribute to the cleanliness of the establishment, but to the health of persons confined within a smaller space, by furnishing a more salubrious and active atmosphere.

It is the opinion of builders who have been consulted, that the materials of the two buildings, would be sufficient to construct the new one contemplated, except such Articles of Wood Work as may have fallen into decay. By using these materials and by the employment of the convicts in doing the labouring work, the expense would be comparatively small [301] probably not more than ten or twelve thousand dollars.

To furnish the ways and means necessary to meet this expence, without adding any thing to the City Debt; and in order at the same time, to enlarge the public Walk or promenade ground of the park, the Committee recommend the sale of the triangular piece of ground, fronting on Chatham Street, between the Jail & free School, now covered with small wooden tenements in the possession of private individuals as tenants at will. The proceeds of this property at public Sale, according to the calculation of the Committee, and according to a plan or Map herewith submitted, will amount to between forty and fifty thousand dollars—leaving a surplus of probably thirty thousand dollars after paying all expences.

The plan proposes running a line from about the centre of the Jail in front, to the North East gate of the Park leading into Tryon Row. That the space of ground on the westerly side, being a strip of about Sixty feet in Width, be thrown into the open ground of the Park, which will be thereby enlarged about 4500 Square feet. That the triangular piece of ground left on the easterly side [302] and fronting on Chatham St. as aforesaid, be sold in lots at public sale as laid out on the plan submitted, which gives six lots fronting in the Park, calculated for Offices. It is proposed that the lots fronting on Chat-

ham Street, be sold in fee without any restriction, except that fire proof buildings be erected thereon within a certain limited time. That the lots fronting on the Park, be sold on perpetual leases or for 99 Years at a nominal rent, which leases are to contain covenants requiring the Lessees to erect thereon a uniform row of Offices, of such materials and upon such plan, as shall be laid down and prescribed by the Street Commissioner, under the sanction of the Board. And prohibiting their being occupied by families, or used for any other purposes than Offices—and also prohibiting the approach to the same, through the Park by Carts or carriages, except for necessary fuel, &c, without the written permission of the Mayor. The Leases not to be assigned or transferred but by the permission of the Common Council.

To bring the whole subject more particularly before the Board for their consideration the Committee submit the following [303] Resolutions

Resolved, That it be referred to a Special committee of this Board, to examine and report a suitable Scite for the erection of a City Prison, to answer for a Bridewell and Debtor's Jail, to be located somewhere adjoining the North & [or] East river, and if practicable, on ground belonging to the Corporation—and also, that they report some suitable place or building to be used as a temporary prison, during the building of the one hereby proposed.

Resolved, that upon such committee reporting a suitable place as aforesaid, the present Jail and Bridewell be taken down, and the materials converted into the building of the New City Prison.

Resolved, That the Comptroller advertise at public sale the lots of ground lying between the Jail and Free School, and fronting on Chatham Street and in the Park agreeably to the Map or plan hereby submitted; the lots on Chatham Street to be Sold in fee, and the others on perpetual leases at a nominal rent, and subject to the covenants as before mentioned.

Resolved, That the Comptroller [304] on or before the first day of February next, give notice in writing to the tenants occupying the ground before mentioned, to quit and surrender up the same on or before the first day of May next

Alpheus Sherman
Elisha W King
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Jacob B Taylor

Upon reading the second Resolution it was proposed to strike out the words "& Bridewell" which was agreed to—the Resolution as amended was then adopted

Mr Sherman then proposed the following Resolution

Resolved, That in order to straighten the line of & widen Chatham Street on the westerly side, a line be run from the north end of the iron railing or fence, in front of the Jail to the corner of Tryon row and Chatham St. stopping at the Free School and the strip of ground or gore contained between said line and the Street be thrown into Chatham Street in order to widen and straighten the same

Which was adopted and became the 3rd Resolution—Upon reading the 4th resolution (the 3d of the Report of the Committee) [305] Alderman King presented a Resolution directing Covenants to be entered in the Deeds and Leases from the Corporation and on their part that the residue of the Park shall forever remain open.

The Recorder also proposed a resolution as a substitute for the 4th Resolution, but before any question was taken a motion was made to adjourn and carried and the President adjourned the Board to meet on Monday next 10 Oclock.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

Bal. as per Acct 6 Inst	$65.80	
Recd for Tax of 1824. 1. 3. 6. 7 Wards	15.100.	
" Arrears of Taxes	3.226.15	
" Streets	8.012.72	
" Rents	1.389.71	
" Fines &c of Sheriff	237.06	
" Wells & pumps	152.	
" Justices Courts	114.54	
" Mayoralty fees	76.	
		$28.373.98

40 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark Do 2d do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower Do 3d do	645.75
[306] Wm S Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qr Salary 22d Inst	250.
Thos Franklin, Chief Engineer Salary 18th Augt to 6 Decemr	150.
John Ritchie preparing Ammunition for Troops 25 Novemr	60.31
Peter Embury 5 Galls. Wine 25 Novemr	20.
James Burns & son Services do	6.
Jas Farquhar 4 bots Sample Wine 28 June	5.25
Geo. H Cooper Hackhire 5 April to 20 Novemr	34.50

M Ulshoeffer for 86 Certificates & 2 Leases. sale of Lots for taxes 10 Novr	266.	
Abrm Leggett supers & Work Mud Machine 12 days to 19 Decr	95.24	
Elizabeth Sherman for a Lot of Ground on Chrystie St. near Stanton St purchased for an Engine House	700.	
Jas Renwick for surveys regulg Streets, between North & 34th Street, from Bowery to East river, balance	700.	
J Culbert Acct. reg & pav Wooster St from Canal to Broome	350.	
[307] C Mooney Acct. repav Chatham St. from Pearl to James St. &c	250.	
A H Mooney Acct. reg & pav Rutgers Slip & part of Cherry Street	200.	
C. Mooney Acct. reg & pav Essex St. from Rivington to Stanton	150.	
H. Smith Acct. repavg Peck Slip from Front to Water Street	100.	
M. DeCamp Corporation Assesmt paving Gouverneur Slip.	745.07	
G Tucker relaying flagging front of City Hall	167.56	
H. Cochran Corporation proportion pav Washington St at Christopher St	61.27	
C Mooney repairg Intersections 6th & 10th Wards	41.67	
G. Tucker repairing Culverts sundry Sewers	25.57	
R Ayres, Earth on bulkhead at Albany Basin	5.33	
J Gallagher bal. on Well Suffolk near Delancy St	58.50	
R Pettigrew Bal on Well Canal near Hudson St	28.75	
G. Tucker bal repairing Wall at Battery &c	162.59	
[308] Geo Bowman Supers at Battery 27 Septr to 2d Decemr	103.	
R. Ayres Work at Battery	16.88	
J Anderson 3d paymt for pier Roosevelt St. basin	1445.	
Isaac Lucas 5th paymt Carpenter's Work Fever Hospital	1000.	
Jacob P Roome Supt Reprs for Fire Departt	1637.	
J P Roome Ditto " pump do	366.	
J P Roome Ditto " Lamp do	247.	
J P Roome Ditto " New Work Shop Public Yard	200.	
J P Roome Supt Reprs for repairs Market	150.	
J P Roome Ditto " Watch Houses	40.	
Arthur Burtis Supert Alms House	4400.	
Mechanics Bank. Bond 9 Decr	12.000.	[28364.74]
Balance	Dolls	9.24

The Board adjourned,

[309] Special Meeting In Common Council December 24th 1824

Present The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistant.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thoms Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Saml Cowdrey
Geo Zabriskie	Wm Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Thos T Woodruff
Jacob B Taylor	Alpheus Sherman
Geo: S Doughty	Gideon Ostrander
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition for a Well at the junction of Greenwich and Morton Sts was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well and pump corner of Clarkson and Greenwich St. was [310] referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner

A request of Corns Ray for permission to construct a Vault in Garden Street along his House No 32 William Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of James Thompson stating that two Lots belonging to him on Hammond Street had been sold without his knowledge, that he had called and redeemed the same requesting that Seven dollars which was remaining after payment might be returned to him—which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Wm Webbers for Stall No 54 Washington Market reported in favour of the same as follows,

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Webbers praying for a Grant of Stand No 54 Washington Market, now held by Wm P. Munson who is willing to transfer [311] the same

Report that Webber is well recommended, and they see no good reason to withhold the consent of the Common Council to the transfer by Mr Munson of that stand to Webbers—they therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That William P Munson have permission to transfer

Stand N° 54 Washington Market to William Webbers and that Webbers receive a Butchers License for the same

respectfully submitted
Shivers Parker
Thomas Bolton
(Signed) Philip Hone
Thom^{s} T Woodruff
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of Nathaniel Slawson for Office of Clerk of Catharine Market or Inspector of Firewood reported against the same as follows—Viz.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Slawson, praying to be appointed Clerk of Catharine Market or Inspector of Wood

[312] Report that there is no vacancy for either situation, they would therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, and for that purpose offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

respectfully submitted
Shivers Parker
Tho^{s} Bolton
(Signed) Philip Hone
Tho^{s} T Woodruff
W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the request of sundry persons respecting the sewer in Maiden Lane reported as follows. viz,

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry of the owners of property on Maiden Lane requesting that some alterations may be made in the sewer through that Street—Report that they have duly considered the subject, and recommend that their request be complied with, and accordingly offer the following resolution.

[313] Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause such alterations to be made in the Maiden Lane Sewer as may be necessary, under the directions of the Canal Committee

Thomas T Woodruff
Shivers Parker
(Signed) S Cowdrey
T Seymour
Jacob B Taylor

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The unfinished business of last meeting respecting the Report of the Special Committee on the Jail & Bridewell was called up—The substitute for the 4 Resolution proposed by the Recorder at the last meeting was read in the words following.

Resolved, That the land lying between the Gaol & Frees[c]hool, including that on which the Gaol stands, be laid Open and form hereafter a part of the Park

A motion was made to postpone the consideration of the same until the first monday in January next which was lost—The question was then taken on adopting the substitute proposed by the Recorder and it passed in the Negative—a division having been called by Alderman Parker the members [314] voted as follows.

Negative Alderm[n] Wyckoff. King Ireland, Seymour Zabriskie, Mann Taylor, Munson Mr Bolton, St John Hone, Cowdrey Burtsell, Woodruff Sherman Ostrander 16,

Affirmative M[r] Recorder Alder[n] Doughty & Parker M[r] Conover 4

The 4[th] Resolution was then read in the words following.

Resolved, that the Comptroller advertise at Public Sale the lots of ground lying between the Jail & Freeschool and fronting as designated in the proceeding resolution, and in the Park agreeably to the Map or Plan hereby submitted or such other plan as the Common Council may adopt, the Lots in Chatham Street to be sold in fee according to this Report, and the others on perpetual Leases at a nominal rent and subject to the covenants as before mentioned, The question being taken on agreeing to the same it was carried in the affirmative. The Recorder requiring the Ayes and Noes the Members voted as follows,

[315] Ayes Ald. Wyckoff King Seymour Zabriskie, Mann, Taylor Munson Mr. Bolton. St John. Hone Burtsell, Woodruff, Sherman and Ostrander—14.

Noes. M[r] Recorder Ald. Ireland Parker Doughty M[r] Cowdrey Conover. 6

Alderman King withdrew the Resolution presented by him at the last meeting—The Fifth Resolution was then read in the words following

Resolved, That the Comptroller on or before the first day of February next give notice in writing to the Tenants occupying the ground before mentioned to quit and surrender up the same on or before the first day of May next—Which was adopted.

Alderman Doughty moved that the Report of the Road Committee on the petition of Jacobus Dyckman and others respecting the Bridge

over Harleam Creek, called the free Bridge be now called up, which was agreed to, the same being read was as follows

The Road Committee, to whom was referred the annexed petition of Jacobus Dyckman, and others, praying the Common Council to repair the Bridge across Harlaem River, commonly called the free [316] Bridge.

Report, The Bridge which the petitioners pray to be repaired connects the island of New York with that part of West Chester County lying on Harleam river called the "Manor of Fordam," and is a short distance from the Mouth of "Spyt den Duyvel" creek, through which the waters of said river flow into the Hudson.

This Bridge was erected about Sixty years ago by individual subscription, to avoid the unjust exactions of the proprietors of Kings Bridge—But during our struggle for independence it was destroyed by the enemy, to prevent the passage of the American Army across the river, the passage of the other bridge being defended by a redoubt. Ten or twelve years since however, the inhabitants in its vinicity raised another subscription and rebuilt it, at an expence as your Committee are informed, of about One thousand dollars, and have kept it in repair at their own cost, excepting the appropriation made by this Board three or four years ago of Two Hundred dollars, twenty of which remain unexpended. [317] It is now in such a state of decay that it cannot be passed without great danger, and humanity at least requires, that it should be immediately and substantially repaired, or that it should be entirely removed, that the safety of travellers who do not know its situation may not be endangered, It is virtually the property of the Corporation, as the sovereignty of that Body over Harleam river to low water mark on the Northern or west Chester side of it, has never been disputed, and from the circumstance of its forming part of a highway belonging to the City, it would seem to be the duty of this Board to keep it in repair, and your Committee perhaps might with propriety so have viewed it, and have exercised the discretion in regard to the Bridge, with which they are impliedly invested in relation to roads. But they deemed it the most prudent, as well as the most correct course to submit the subject to the consideration of the Common Council

Your Committee are informed that there is considerable travelling over this bridge, that the inhabitants of a large district of West Chester County, pass it, [318] with produce for our Market. If so may it not in time be productive of the most beneficial effects, by reducing the price of such vegitables as come daily to our City. For it cannot be

denied that a toll bridge is a tax on all the produce which pass over it, and which the consumer has to pay, if therefore the produce which crosses Harleam river, and reaches our Markets by land, came toll free, it could be afforded, and would be sold at a less price than it now is.

Your Committee cannot forbear remarking that this Bridge is the only one over which our citizens can pass from the island without paying tribute to the monopolizers of Legislative *biberality,* [liberality] and happily for us, and for those who have occasion to visit our City frequently, the maintaining of this bridge does not interfere with any of the chartered priveleges which have been dealt out so unsparingly.

It is estimated by the Street Commissioner, that the cost of rebuilding the bridge will be about five Hundred dollars. But the petitioners propose to [319] obligate themselves to construct a Safe and substantial bridge, and to keep it in a good state of repair for Seven years, if the Common Council will now appropriate Two hundred and Eighty dollars towards that object, This proposition is, in the opinion of your Committee, not only fair but liberal, as it would be dividing the expense between the Common Council, and the petitioners, They do therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, That Two Hundred and Eighty dollars be appropriated towards rebuilding and keeping in repair the bridge across Harleam river known by the name of the free bridge, and that the Comptroller be instructed to draw a warrant on the Chamberlain for that sum—to be placed in the hands of the Street Commissioner, and to be by him paid over to the petitioners, or to such person, or persons as they shall authorise to receive it, upon their executing a contract, to rebuild in a safe and substantial manner the aforesaid bridge, and to keep the same in repair for the space of Seven Years.

Submitted by

Geo. S Doughty
[320] Alpheus Sherman
(Signed) Shivers Parker
Jacob B Taylor

The question being taken on agreeing to the same it passed in the Negative

Alderman Doughty gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration.

The Board adjourned

[321] Special Meeting. In Common Council December 27th 1824

Present The Honble William Paulding Junr Mayor Prest
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thos T Woodruff
Elisha W King	Saml St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Thaddeus Seymour	Saml Cowdrey
George Zabriskie	Wm Burtsell
Shivers Parker	Stephen Conover
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Thos T. Woodruff
George S Doughty	Alpheus Sherman
Reuben Munson	Gideon Ostrander

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Application for Office presented the following report,

The Committee on applications for Office beg leave to report and offer the following Resolution. that whereas there are no vacancies at present in the following Offices [322] the Applicants have leave to withdraw their Petitions.

(Signed) T. Seymour
Jameson Cox

Weigh Masters
Reuben W Folger
Jacob A Roome
Wm D Crolius
James C Boggs
Ezekiel Mills

Measurer of Coal
Benj E Valentine

Measurer of Lime
Joseph Crowell
Saml D Thorp

Measurer of Grain
Job Hopkins
Saml Westervelt
Thaddeus W Bennett
Lewis Whitney
Joseph Sutton

City Guager
John E Nexen

Inspectors of Lumber
Leonard K Smith
Hosea Dodge
Jacob C White
John J Morris
John L Everitt

Sealers Weights & Measrs
Joseph Spencer
John Bertine

Inspectors of Manure
Mott Hicks
Thoms Dunsmore
J Loofborrow
R. Sneeden
Jno L Clark
A Vermilyee
A D Brinkerhoff
Saml Loyd

Keeper of City Hall	for Some Office
J P Roome	Gershom Mills
Ezra Froost	James Heath
Cyrus Bedell	Saml A Savage
Saml Bunting	Saml Holmes

[323] Assistant City Inspector

Joseph S Simpson	John White
Wm A Hardenbrook	Andrew Seymour
I A Isaacs	James Ackerman
Isaac Loofborrow	Saml Hutchins
Ephraim Clark	Thomas Roome
Peter Oglevie	Christopher Brown

Which Resolution was adopted

Alderman Seymour presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, that the present Members of this Board be presented with the 6th Volume of the Laws of the State bound and lettered to correspond with the other volumes in exchange for detached and unbound parts of the same which they have already received

The minutes were then read and approved.

This being the day prescribed by Law for the newly elected Members to be sworn into Office the following Gentlemen attended [324] and took the oath of Office prescribed by the Constitution in the presence of the Common Council, excepting Mr Burtsell Assistant of the 5th Ward who having been adjudged by the Dicision of the Common Council to hold his Office until the next Election did not take the Oath of Office.

The late Members then retired, and the newly elected Members took their seats and the Board was formed as follows.

The Hon Wm Paulding Junr Mayor Prest
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Wm Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Danl E Dunscomb
Wm A Davis	Effingham Schieffelin
Gideon Ostrander	Wm F. Rathbone.

The Assessors who were sworn into Office were John Leonard of

the 2d Ward, Saml Leggett & Lewis Seymour of the 4th Ward and Isaac J Lockwood of the 6th Ward,

[325] The Constables appointed agreeably to the return of the Clerk of the City took the Oath of Office.

The following Rules and Orders were adopted as the Rules for the conduct of business at Meetings of the Common Council, the consideration of a rule respecting the Mayor's being a Member of each Standing Committee, was laid for consideration

Rules and Orders of the Common Council of the City of New York.

1 Upon the appearance of five Aldermen and five Assistants, the Mayor, or in his absence the Recorder, shall take the Chair as President, and the Members be called to order.

2 Immediately after the President shall have taken the Chair the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read by the Clerk, to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the Board.

3. The President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

4, The President shall in all cases be entitled to one vote and no more.

5. Every member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his Seat, and address himself [326] to the President.

6 When two or more members shall rise at once, the president shall name the member who is first to Speak

7. No person shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

8, No question on a motion shall be debated or put, unless the same be seconded, When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the president before debate, and every such motion shall be reduced to writing, if any member desire it.

9. After the motion is put by the president, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board, but it may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

10 When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless—1. To amend it. 2 To commit it. 3. To postpone it. 4. For the previous question. or 5 To adjourn.

11 A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and [*] debate of the main question, and shall be in this form—" shall the main question now be put."

13, Every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him, or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote.

14. A member called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate, if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to

15. All questions shall be put in the order they are moved, except that in filling up blanks, the largest sum, and the longest time shall be first put.

16, Upon a division in the Board, the names of those who vote for, and those who vote against the question, shall be entered upon the Minutes, if any two Members require it.

17 In all divisions taken by the Board it shall be the duty of the Clerk, to enter on the Minutes, the name of the member calling for the division

18. No motion for reconsideration shall be [328] in order, unless made at the same meeting, or in pursuance of notice then given for the next meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be reconsidered took place, except by unanimous consent.

19. All appointments of Officers shall be made by ballot, unless dispenced with by the unanimous consent of the Board, and a majority of the whole number of votes shall be necessary to Constitute a choice

20 No member shall absent himself without permission from the President.

21 All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Committees appointed to report on any subject referred to them by the Board, shall report a state of facts, and also their opinion thereon in writing; and no report shall be received unless the same be signed by a majority of the Committee.

22. Whenever the doors are directed to be closed, all persons excepting the members, and the Clerk of the Common Council, shall retire.

23 A motion for the order of the day shall take precedence of

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

all other motions and is to be considered immediately after the reading of petitions and original communications

24 [329] Every petition, remonstrance, or other written Application, intended to be presented to the Common Council, is to be delivered to the Mayor or any other member of the Board, on any day, but not later than 4 Oclock on the day on which the Common Council convenes, except on extraordinary occasions, & the Mayor or other Member to whom it shall be given, Shall examine the Same, and endorse thereon the name of the applicant, and the substance of such application, and Sign his name thereto, which endorsement only shall be read by the President, unless a member shall require the whole to be read.

25 The Standing Committees shall be as follows.

1	Applications for Office.	11	Laws
2	Applications to Legis[lature]	12	Markets
3	Assessments	13	Police
4	Arts & Sciences	14	Public Lands & places
5	Canal	15	Public Offices
6	Charity	16	Repairs
7	Ferries	17	Roads
8	Finances	18	Streets
9	Fire Department	19	Watch
10	Lamps	20	Wharves piers & Slips

Those on Applications, Arts & Sciences, Ferries, fire Department, Lamps, Laws, Repairs & Charity, shall consist of three, and the others five

[330] His Honor the Mayor upon motion made and agreed to proceeded to appoint the Standing Committees for the year when the following were appointed and the Clerk was directed to have the same printed for the use of the Members.

1 Applications to the Legislature
Mr Burtsell
" Hone
" Bolton
Ald. Taylor
Mann

2d Applications for Office
Ald Reed
Mr Cox
" Schieffelin

3d Arts & Sciences
Mr Dunscomb
" Hedden
Ald Davis

4 Assessments
Mr Hedden
" Dunscomb
Ald Wyckoff
" Cowdrey
" Davis

[331] 5 Canals
Mr Agnew
" Rathbone
Ald. Taylor
" Webb
" Reed.

6 Charity
Mr Schieffelin
Cox
Burtsell

7 Ferries
Mr Rathbone
Ald Mann
" King

8 Finance
Ald Mann
Ireland
Wyckoff
Cowdrey
Mr Burtsell

9 Fire Department
Ald Wyckoff
" Ireland
Mr Agnew

10 Lamps
Ald. Ireland
" Ostrander
" Webb

11 Laws
Ald Cowdrey
" King
Mr Bolton

12 Lands & places
Mr St. John
Burtsell
Schieffelin
Ald Wyckoff
" Ostrander

13. Markets
Mr Hone
" Bolton
Dunscomb
Ald Ireland
" Reed

14 Police
Mr Bolton
" St John
" Hedden
Ald. Cowdrey
" Davis

[332] 15 Public Offices
Ald. King
" Taylor
" Cowdrey
Mr Cox
" St John

16 Repairs
Ald Ostrander
" Webb
Mr Cox

17. Roads.
Ald Davis
" King
" Taylor
Mr Rathbone
" Agnew

18 Streets
Ald Taylor
Mann
Ostrander
Mr Hone
St John

19 Watch
Mr Cox
" Hone
" Burtsell
" Rathbone
" Hedden

20 Wharves & piers
Alden Webb
" Ireland
" Mann
" Reed
Mr Agnew

Special Committees

1 Battery
Ald. Wyckoff
Mann
Ireland
Webb
Mr Rathbone

2d Fever Hospital
Ald. Wyckoff
Mann
Taylor
King
Davis

3d Water
His Hon. the Mayor
Ald Wyckoff
Cowdrey
Mr Hone
" Burtsell

[333] 4th Jail & Bridewell
Ald King
" Taylor
" Mann
" Reed
Mr Hone

A Petition of Stephen Conkling requesting the Common Council to Lease to him a Lot at the foot of Albany Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Elijah and Joshua Secor was received stating that they have invented a revolving *which* [wheel] mooved by Clock work which they have called wheels of Fortune—These they have placed over Lottery Offices in Chatham Street and Broadway—The Petitioners believe that they are in no wise incommoding to passengers, but are considered ornamental and curious—but Complaints have been [made]

against them as projecting further into the Street than allowed by Law —They therefore pray a reference of the subject and if they should be deemed as contrary to Law, that some short time may be given to them to remove them, and that the prosecution against them may be discontinued, the same having been read was referred to the Street Committee.

[334] A Memorial was received from John Stevens Esq^{r} stating that he has taken out a patent for a new and useful improvement in the mode of constructing Rail Roads, the principal object of which is. the substitution of Granite, or other hard stones in the place of what are called "Tramplates" made of cast iron for the wheels of carriages to run on, Petitioner considering it an invention of great public utility requests the attention of the Corporation thereto— Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Uriah Rider for Office of Keeper of Pottersfield, was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A Letter was received from William Schureman tendering his resignation of the Office held by him as Keeper of Pottersfield which was read and laid for consideration

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, Viz.,

N^{o}	1	[335] Peter Ogilvie	Owner		Willet St	A Lot
	2	J D Meyer	Do		Do	Do
	3	T F Delaplaine	Do		Rivington St	Do
	4	J R Livingston	Do		Mott St	Do
	5	Do	Do		Elizabeth St	Do
	6	W^{m} D Blackwell	Do	428	Broad Way	A privy
	7	Do	Do	430	Do	do
	8	Do	Do	432	Do	do
	9	Henry Rutgers	Do	45	Catharine	do
	10	Do	Do	47	Do	do
	11	Henry Hanan	do	55	Do	do
	12	Sam^{l} Marvin	Do	57	Do	do
	13	John Mason	Do	57	Cherry	do
	14	J Post	Do	69	Do	do
	15	Do	Do	71	Do	do
	16	Sam^{l} Purdy	Do	83	Do	do
	17	Do	Do	85	Do	do
	18	M Smith	Do	113	Do	do
	19	D Baker	Do	21	Chesnut	do
	20	W Baker	Do	291	Front	do

21	Wm D Blackwell	Owner	37	Howard	A privy
22	F Seeley	Do	88	James	do
23	A Kerr	Do	1	Oak St	do
24	Do	Do	3	Do	do
25	Mrs Bunker	Do	15	Do	do
26	L Toole	Do	23	Do	do
27	H Van Pelt	Do	27	Do	do
28	A Slote	Do	31	Do	do
29	W & G Post	Do	33	Do	do
30	[336] A Swarts	do	5	Pike St	do
31	Do	do	5	Do	do
32	N Prime	do	4	Roosevelt	do
33	T H Nicholl	do	8	do	do
34	T H Jones	do	11	do	do
35	Mr Drake	do	47	do	do
36	M Linningham	do	50	do	do
37	C Gallow	do	51	do	do
38	S Kneeland	do	57	do	do
39	Jas Hunt	do	325	Water	do
40	Do	do	331	do	do
41	S Thorne	do	339	do	do
42	J Clark	do	343	do	do
43	Do	do	343½	do	do
44	Wm Baker	do	347	do	do
45	Do	do	349	do	do
46	S Kelly	do	357	do	do
47	Do	do	359	do	do

Geo Cuming
City Inspecr

Alderman Mann presented the following

Resolved. That Tryon Row be widened by adding Ten feet on the South west side begining at Chatham St. and extending to the West line of Cross St. which was referred to the Street Committee

[337] Alderman Ireland presented a Resolution directing a suspending of the Resolution for building 180 Vaults at the City Burial Ground, and directing ten to be built and advertised for Sale—which was laid for Consideration

Upon motion of Alderman Wyckoff the Clerk was directed to furnish the newly elected Members of the Board with a set of the Laws of the State—a Copy of the Charter & Ordinances of the Corporation and Prior & Dunnings Map of the City

The Superintendant of Repairs was directed to furnish to them their Staves of Office.

Alderman King presented a Resolution directing a Committee to

ascertain the cause of the non attendance of a portion of the assessors this day to qualify according to Law. and

Mr Hone presented a Resolution as a substitute directing the Clerk to give those assessors who have not appeared Notice to appear at next meeting or to offer their reasons for declining to do so—both of which Resolutions were laid for consideration

[338] An Invitation from the Trustees of the House of Refuge for Juvenile Delinquents to attend on Saturday next at 10 Oclock at the opening of the House was presented and accepted

The Board adjourned

[339] In Common Council January 3rd 1825

Present The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Danl E Dunscomb
Willm A Davis	Wm P Rathbone.
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A Petition was received from Nathaniel Lawson for Office of Keeper of Potters field which was referred to the Committee on Lands and places

A Similar Petition from Joseph M Thomas was referred to the same Committee

[340] A Similar petition from James Felan was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Cornelius Myers was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Ephraim Beeman was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from James Gilbert was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from John Hastings was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Leffert Lefferts was referred to the same Committee

A Similar Petition from Daniel H Magee was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from John F Rague was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Abraham Passman was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Nathan Dusenbury was referred to the same Committee.

[341] A Similar petition of Theodorus Sutton was referred to the Same Committee.

A Similar petition from John Webber was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from John Requa was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from Samuel Lyon was referred to the same Committee

A Similar petition from James Jones was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition from William Freeman to be continued in the Office of Measurer of Seal Coal, having been appointed thereto in the year 1818 and regularly acted therein and made his Returns to the City Inspector but not knowing of the Resolution directing him to report himself to the Clerks Office did not perform that duty which being read was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Similar petition from Thomas Bartow to be continued as a Guager, was referred to the same Committee.

[342] A Petition of Luke Kip stating that a Road leading from Harleam Commons to Coles's Bridge has been shut up by some persons unknown to Petitioner and praying the same may be opened was referred to the Road Committee

A petition of Wright Carpenter for Office of Keeper of the Park was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

A petition of Owners of property in Front Street between Coentis and Old Slip stating they have recently had said Street repaved and praying the same may be kept hereafter in repair by the public agreeably to the Law lately passed was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Owners of property fronting on Pearl St. between Broad St. and Old Slip praying the Street may be improved by adding thereto all the ground belonging to Individuals lying South of a Line

from the N Easterly corner of Pearl St and Coenties lane to the South Westerly Corner of the lot fronting on Pearl St owned by Mr John Gardner, which being read was referred to the Street Committee

[343] A Petition of John P Groshon for relief from fine incurred by hoisting Grain from the Street into his Malt House—Which being read was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Henry J Wyckoff was received stating he is owner of Ground adjoining the Engine House on Beaver St and wishing to build requests permission to bring out the front of his Building on a line with the other Buildings above or below on Broad St. and also to raise the Easterly gable Wall of the Engine House—Which was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Stephen Goold to transfer Lease of the Lot corner of Wall & Broad St was referred to the Finance Committee

A petition of John K Townsend Lessee of District N° 1 & 2 of Public Wharves & Slips was received stating that by the passage of the Law altering the rates of Wharfage he has sustained great losses and praying relief—was referred to the Finance Committee

[344] A petition of James Devoe for relief from fine for not moving his Fish Stand in conformity with the order of the Dep. Clerk of Spring St Market—was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Joseph Spencer for Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A petition of Silas E Burrows to have a Wharf assigned for the use of the Steam Boat New London was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A petition that the names of the Streets where Lamps are placed may be painted on the Lamps in those Streets, was referred to the Lamp Committee

A petition of John Moore to be licensed as a Butcher and to have Stall N° 15 Catharine Market Assigned to him—was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of John Mann Junr to have refunded to him Seven Dollars paid by him on Assessment for Taxes which was more than was due thereon—was [345] referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Joshua Sutton for Office of Measurer of Grain, was referred to the Committee on public Offices

A petition from William Shepherd for some relief for injuries sustained while performing his duty as a Watchman—was referred to the Watch Committee

A Communication was received from John Woodward Esq[r] Clerk of the City & County stating that in his opinion the Law requires that the Roll of Oaths of the Mayor & Alderman of this City should be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the City and County—the same having been read was referred to the Committee on Laws

A petition from a number of Inhabitants of the 10[th] Ward stating that in consequence of the encreased population of that Ward it becomes necessary that the said Ward should be divided into Two Wards and praying the Common Council to take measures to that effect was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

[346] A petition from a number of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Eastern section of the City was received stating that there is a large and spacious piece of ground at the front of Corlears Hook extending from Corlear's Street to the East river now unoccupied by Buildings and well suited for a Park or open square and praying measures may be taken to cause the same to be procured and laid out for a Park or open square, which being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Report was received from the Clerk of the Common Council of the names of persons heretofore appointed to Office. who did not appear on the 31 December to take the Oath of Office agreeably to the Resolution of the Board—which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

Applications were also received from the following *the following* persons holding public Offices and [who] from sundry causes had not taken the Oath of Office on the said *said* 31[st] Decem[r]

Viz Inspectors of Firewood

John Covert, John Smith, Abr[m] Van Osdal and William Van Wert.

Measurer of Grain

George Harsin

[347] City Weigher

Eleazer Jones

Whereupon the same were referred to the Committee on Public Office.

A Memorial was received from the Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church stating that if the Corporation were disinclined to repeal the Law relative to Interments, they were willing to refer the subject of dispute between them and the Corporation to a Committee

of the Corporation and certain other referies and on certain conditions —Whereupon on reading the same It was Resolved, that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw there Petition.

A Letter was received from the Treasurer of the New York City Dispensary requesting payment of the usual allowance of $500 to that Institution—Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Communication was received from Jeromus Johnson on behalf of a Committee of the Grocers of the City transmitting a Copy of a Resolution of the Chamber of Commerce "recommending to the Mer- "chants and Grocers of the City, to introduce from and after the "[348] first of January the practice of buying & Selling by the "Quintal of 100 lbs those articles which it is now usual to buy and "sell at the quintal of 120 lbs and by the Ton of 2000 lbs those articles "which are now bought and sold by the Ton of 2240 lbs

And the Communication requested the Corporation would regulate the Standard of Weights for 5. 10. 20. & 50 lbs to facilitate the business of the City—which having been read was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Letter was received from James R Manley stating that he claimed his seat at the Board as the Assistant of the 5th Ward duly elected by a Majority of the Votes of the qualified Electors and that he was ready to produce the evidence when and where the Board may direct—Which having been read was referred to the Committee on Laws

A Report was received from the Revd John Stanford giving an account of his services in preaching the Gospel in the various Departments of the Bellevue Establishment at the Bridewell & Debtors Prison, the same was referred to the Committee [349] on Public Offices with authority to cause the same to be printed

A Resolution was received from Peter F Cisco Inspector of Weights & Measures which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller presented his Annual Report containing a statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the Year 1824 and the Account of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund

Annual Report.

The Annual Report of the Comptroller, is respectfully presented to the Common Council, containing a Statement of the Receipts and payments for the Year 1824; and the account of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for the same period. A Balance sheet for the year past,

Balance in the Treasury Decr 31. 1823		$28.460.27
Received Ditto to Decr 31. 1824		877.426.83
		905.887.10
Paid out on 1551 Warrants		903.557.86
Balance in the Treasury Decr 31. 1824		$2.309.24
The Commissioners of the Sinking fund, have purchased during the year Six per Cents		$6.000.00

[350] City Debt.

Total Amount 6 per Cents		$900.000.
Ditto 5 per Cents 1820		200.000.
Ditto 5 per Cents 1821		200.000.
		$1.300.000.
Bonds issued from 28 Septemr to 31st December 1824		24.300.
		$1.324.300.
Purchased by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to 31 December 1824		
Six per Cents	$192.600.00	
Five per Cents of 1820	81.500.00	
Five per Cents of 1821	48.200.00	
	322.300.00	
Cash	55.927.03	
		378.227.03
Total amt City Debt, Decemr 31. 1824		$946.072.97

As the City Stock and such other as the Commissioners of the Sinking fund are authorised by a Law of the Corporation to purchase, were seldom in the Market during the Year, and almost always at a rate higher than the Commissioners judged to be beneficial to purchase; they thought it most advisable to place the revenue under their controul, at interest. The above sum of $55.927.03 including Interest to the first day of December. One thousand Eight hundred and twenty four, remains at their disposal

[351] This amount, which may be considered equivalent to the like sum of City Stock purchased, is added thereto; and there appears to be $132.342.71 less of City Debt, on the 31st December 1824 than there was exhibited in the last Annual Report.

Additions to the sinking Fund, are made weekly, from the sources

designated by Law, and the above mentioned arrangement may be continued, until the public Interest will warrant the purchase of Stock.

The Six per Cents may be redeemed at the close of the Year 1826, and it will depend on existing circumstances at that time, whether it will be best to sell certain portions of public property, or to negotiate a new loan for its redemption.

The value of real Estates, and the rate of Interest at which money may be obtained, would probably determine at that period, the wisest course to be pursued.

The Commissioners are annually diminishing the City debt, by means appropriated for this purpose; and should no extraordinary expenses be incurred, beyond the avails of the Taxes and Revenue derived from Corporation property, including sundry miscellaneous payments from various sources, the most beneficial results as to the reduction of the debt [352] may be confidently expected.

Several defects have been experienced in the operation of the Act of the Legislature for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, passed. April 23^{d}, 1823—which have, on the suggestion of the Board of Supervisors, been communicated to the Comptroller of the State. As some of them are peculiarly applicable to this City, and materially affect our fiscal concerns, it is important that alterations should be obtained at the present session of the Legislature. The Committee having the charge of forwarding proposed Laws and amendments, applicable to this City, will no doubt give this subject its proper direction. A considerable delay arises every year in the Collection of Taxes, which is not attributed to neglect or want of exertion on the part of Collectors, but many persons postpone a final settlement as long as possible; by which a loss accrues to the public, from the Corporation being necessitated to make loans in anticipation of the Tax

This subject has been formerly brought to view, and it is considered of sufficient consequence again to recommend a measure, which would be equitable and just in its operation, and supersede the necessity of [353] *of* borrowing money on interest, to the extent practiced for some years past.

The Assessment Books are generally placed with the Collectors by the middle or latter part of October, and they have until the Second Monday of May to collect, & settle with the Treasurer

It is proposed that all Taxes over a certain sum to be designated, which are not paid before the 1st day of February, should bear Interest at the rate of 6 per Cent Per Annum. The sum thus raised by Interest, would indemnify the Treasury for that accruing on temporary loans,

or the measure would induce more punctuality in the payment of Taxes when they are due

An Alteration of the time for making Assessments was also suggested, in consequence of many individuals removing from the City before the Assessors commence their business. If this was to take place in February, and the Collection of the Tax completed during the Year, it is thought that many advantages would result from the change.

The objections to this amendment have been anticipated, and duly considered; and the benefits to arise from altering the time of Assessments, are supposed to preponderate [354] in favour of the Measure.

The Annual Tax of Twenty five Thousand Dollars for the Battery, might conveniently be diminished, if not total dispensed with in future, unless some further improvements, embracing a large expense, are contemplated.

A Computation will be prepared and submitted, as early as possible, of the probable Receipts and Expences of the present year, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of Tax proper to be applied for. Estimates from several official sources, of expenses likely to be incured, will be requisite to form the intended Schedule.

As there are some improvements in progression, and others contemplated, which are yet uncertain as to their extent of Cost, any prospective calculation will necessarily be imperfect.

It is thought, however, from a cursory view of all the subjects likely to be embraced in the operations of the Common Council, connected with the Finances of the City, that the present amount raised by Tax, will be sufficient to meet the demands of the current Year

Respectfully Submitted

G N Bleecker, Comptroller

[355] Cash Account for the Year 1824

Dr.

For Balance in the Treasury as per last Account dated 31 Decr 1823	28.460.27
Amount of receipts into the Treasury, under the following heads.— viz—Alms-House-Bridewell & penitentiary, for Labours of paupers & prisoners in the Pin Factory	792.58
Streets, for Opening, widening, improving, regulating & paving, including Sewers	146.338.34
Bonds payable, for amount borrowed on twelve Bonds	197.200.
Interest Account, for Interest on Bond, and on Arrears of Taxes, Assessments &c	3.927.95
Docks & Slips, for Work done with Mud Machine, account for building Bulkhead and for Rent	29.808.87

Courts, Fines & Fees from Sheriff, District Attorney, Clerk of Sessions, & Keeper of City Prison		3.234.43
County Contingences, for Sales of property encumbering Streets and Scavengers Licenses		353.99
Justices Courts, fees from the 4 District Courts		8.602.45
Police Office, fees. & sales of unclaimed property		4.851.96
[356] Fire Department, Sales of old Engine N° 10 and old Hose and pipe		411.06
Wells & pumps, digging Wells, & making and setting pumps		5.078.02
Castle Clinton, for rent received		816.66
Real Estate, for property sold		4.868.50
Charges on Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, Advertising, Certificates, Leases, and Auction Fees on Sales of Property		1.738.
Intestate Estates, from Public Administrators		2.556.44
Arrears of Taxes, from Collector of Arrears of Taxes		3.984.03
Commutation for Alien passengers		995.
Taxes, for Tax of 1823 $311.004.96 and of 1824 $52.900		363.904.96
Tavern & Excise Licenses		24.977.20
Lien on Lots, reimbursements for Expenditures correcting Nuisances		1.110.27
Lamps, sales of Empty Casks, lighting private Lamps		355.32
Vendue Sales, from State Treasurer		10.000.
Mayoralty fees		2.355.65
Penalties, from Attorney for violations of the Burial and Other Laws		1.458.15
Bonds Receivable for James B Requa's Bond		500.
[*356] Intelligence Office Licenses		75.
Street Manure		6.361.77
Annual Rents, viz—Water Lot Rent	$8.862.97	
Ground Rent	24.444.88	
House Rent	3.615.63	
Common Land Rent	1.843.	
Ferry Rent	12.003.75	
		50.770.23
		$905.887.10

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By Amount of Warrants on the Treasury for payments under the following heads Alms House, Bridewell & Penitentiary, including Salaries of Superintendant, Keepers & Assistants, Clerks, Physicians &c	80.104.
Streets, for Opening, Widening, improving, regulating & paving, including Sewers	191.864.31
Bonds payable, for fourteen Bonds paid	251.200.
Interest Account, Interest on City Stock Bonds and Assessments	76.205.80

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

Docks & Slips, building & repairing Bulkheads and pier and Working Mud Machine	26.802.91
Courts, Recorders, District Attorney, Clerk and Criers Salary, and Officers attending serving subpoenas &c	12.375.11
County Contingencies*	10.068.42
[358] Justices Courts, Salaries of the four Justices & Clerks, and Room rent	9.845.
Police Office, Justices, Clerk & Assistant Clerks' Salaries, Officers extra services and conveying prisoners to City Prison &c	9.667.01
Fire Department, Chief Engineer's Salary, making & repairing Engines & Hose and Ground rent	7.637.64
Wells & pumps, digging Wells, making setting and repairing pumps.	5.018.97
Castle Clinton, repairing foundation and making reef round it	3.980.49
Real Estate. for property purchased for public purposes	1.773.
Charges on Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, Advertising, Certificates, leases, and Auction fees on Sale of property	1.204.36
Intestate Estates, Francis Campbell, Administrator to the Estate of Wm Campbell	421.17
Arrears of Taxes paid State Arrears 1823	1.324.97
Commutation for Alien passengers. for furnishing Lists of passengers	100.
Taxes, paid supervisors, & for completing Tax Books	384.
Tavern & Excise Licenses, Clerk assisting to Issue, Marshal attending & advertising Notices	120.75
[359] Lien on Lots, paid for correcting Nuisances	205.34
Lamps, Oil, Superintending, Lighting and repairing Lamps, and making & Setting Posts	21.470.
Watch	55.331.63
Fever Hospital, account of building	17.662.63
Battery, making Wall & reef & filling in, paving Walks, fencing &c.	29.610.83
Salaries	20.346.55
Fulton Market, Butchers for Stands. in Old Fly Market, and Expences	11.572.32
Common Schools and Charities	10.808.89
Street Expenses, regulating & paving round park and other public property, repairing Intersections of Streets, Sewers &c	8.238.22
Repairs	7.008.
Roads. Amount of Warrants to Overseer of Public Roads	5.200.
Working Convicts, Warrants to superintendant of Alms House for that purpose	5.000.
Markets, Clerks' Salaries & Sweepers and repairing Markets	4.990.99
City Burying Ground, for enclosing	4.504.
Printing and Stationary	3.154.06
Board of Health, including Dr Roosa's verdict & Costs for spreading Lime in 1822	3.108.
[360] Elections, Inspectors, Clerks & Officers attending polls	1.757.25
Coroner's fees	1.729.43

* See next page.—ED.

Essex Market, for building & paving round it	1.729.11
Errors & Delinquencies, Taxes paid in Error, refunded	52.70
Balance in the Treasury to debit January 1st 1825	2.309.24
	$905.887.10

* County Contingencies

Fees of different Counsel, drawing Laws and Leases, & Costs of various Suits	1.687.74
Surveys for Water, 1140.15. Maps of 6. 7. 8. 9 and 10 Wards &c $528	1.668.15
Celebrations of 4th July & 25th Novemr $966.42 furniture for the City Hall $462.12	1.428.54
Expences of Corporation at City Hall, cleaning Buildings &c. $980.65 fuel $700	1.680.65
Coach Hire, $294. Indexing Minutes of Common Council $180. Registering Conveyances $24.68	498.68
Removing Nuisances $100.42. Copies of State Laws and Sundry postages $13.36	113.78
Calculations for fever Hospital Lottery	25.
[361] Auction fees, Butcher's Stands, and Docks and Slips $39.50. Trees, Manure and Labour for Park $82.50	122.00
Portrait of the late Mayor $120, Abstracts for Loan Officers $14	134.
Reception of Indian Chiefs 19^{88}/_{100}$ Invention for Measuring Wood $20	39.38
Posting Bills 46.$^{50}/_{100}$ Manhattan Co Water for Jail & Markets $115	161.50
Extra Advertising $9. Committee for reception of Genl Lafayette $2500	2.509.
	$10.068.42

[362] Dr. Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the Year 1824

For Balance in the Treasury, as per last Account, dated 31 Decr 1823	1.219.04
Amount of Receipts into the Treasury to their Credit during the present Year, under the following heads. viz	
Real Estate, for property Sold	12.50
Commutation of Water Lot Quit Rent	581.25
Water Lot Rent	1.733.92
Market Rents	21.391.13
Market Fees	13.935.48
Street Vaults	4.782.16
Hack Licenses	1.168.
Pawn Brokers Licenses	480.
New York State Stock ¾ths amount paid off by the State	5.587.50
Interest on Ditto	279.38
Do on City Stock	17.951.
Do on Balance in the Treasury	753.17
	$.69.874.53

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		By Amount of their Warrants on the Treasury for the following purchases		
Febry	11	From A N Gifford $7450 New York State Stock 101¾	$7580.37	
		Brokerage ¼ per Cent	18.95	
				7.599.32
March	25	Do $2000 City (6 per Ct) Stock 105½	2110.00	
		Brokerage ¼ per Cent	5.27	
				2.115.27
	26	W G Bucknor $3000 City (6 per Cent) Stock 105½	3165.	
		Brokerage ½ per Cent	7.91	
				3.172.91
April	16.	J G Warren & son. $1000 City (6 per Cent) Stock, 106..		1.060.
		By Balance in the Treasury at their Credit carried to new account 1st January 1825		55.927.03
				69.874.53

Total of Receipts by the Commissioners of the Sinking fund from its commencement, August 23d 1813 to 31st December 1824. inclusive, Viz

Interest on City Stock	91.244.83
Market fees	87.552.44
[364] Market Rents	62.470.15
Sales of Real Estate	59.970.08
Street Vaults	25.068.50
Water Lot Rents	17.635.24
Commutation of Water lot Quit rents	17.275.41
Hack Licenses	7.018.
Pawn Brokers Licenses	6.346.63
Commutation of Land Quit Rents	4.649.91
Interest on United States Stocks	1.800.
do Balance in the Treasury	1.142.94
Profit on United States Stock	987.14
Interest on New York State Stock	279.38
do Defence Bonds	230.18
	$383.670.83

[365] Invested in	$192.600,	City 6 per Cent.	Stock, which	Cost	$195.281.54
	81,500.	5 do	of 1820	"	80.877.31
	48.200,	5 do	of 1821	"	49.573.13
	1.862.50	New York State	Stock	"	2.011.82
And leaving a Balance in the Treasury, of.....					55.927.03
					$383.670.83

Signed
Wm Paulding Junr Mayor,
Richd Riker, Recorder,
Reuben Munson Chn F. C.
Jno Fleming City Trear
G. N. Bleecker Comptrolr
} Commissioners of the Sinkg fund

Which was directed to be printed

[366] The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Hook & Ladder Co No 1

Wm P Disosway, Merchant, No 45 Pearl St.
Vice, Hugh Aikman, Joined the Supply Co

Fire Engine Company No 3

Richd Carman, Carpenter, 60 Stone St
Vice, Joseph Swaine, Resigned,
Saml B Warner, Sail Maker, 8 Garden St
Vice Edward Ogden, Resigned

Fire Hook & Ladder Co No 4.

William Morris, Marketman, 7 Pump St.
Vice Isaac Ward, Resigned.
John Leonard, Marketman, 91 Cherry St.
Vice Gilbert Lewis, Resigned
Edmund Willets, Cartman, 196 Eldridge St
Vice John Varick Resigned

Fire Engine Company No 19

Philip H Branson Joiner 28 Eldridge St.
Vice John L Steward, Left the City.
Richd S Davidson Carpenter, 25 Norfolk St.
Vice, Archibald Parsells, Resigned,
George Bijotat Upholster, Bowery,
Vice Thomas Asten Time Expired,

[367] Fire Engine Company N° 26.

David C. Harris, Fish Monger, 124 Henry St.

Vice John Loder Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 40

John Romaine, Shoemaker, 97 Chrystie St.

Vice John Scott, Resigned,

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on the following Assessments and Warrants were ordered to Issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same. viz

For repaving at Peck Slip

" paving Columbia St. from Grand to Rivington St

" paving Essex St from Rivington to Stanton St.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed, viz

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances,

N°	1	J Pease	Owner	N°	49 Division St	A privy
	2	R Varrick	Do		59 Do	"
	3	W Baylis	Do		111 Do	"
	4	J Guion	Do		125 Do	"
	5	M[r] Holly	Do		131 Do	"
	6	C Knapp	Do		137 Do	"
	7	G Van Pelt	Do		141 Do	"
	8	J Hart.	Do		151 Do	"
	9	[368] S Thorne	Do		157 "	do
	10	J Hilton	Do		165 "	do
	11	P Hendricks	Do		18 Hester St	do
	12	P Parks	Do		32 "	do
	13	J Woolsey	Do		38 "	do
	14	N Lucas	Do		40 "	do
	15	N Hawkhurst	Do		44 "	do
	16	G & R Waite	Do		46 "	do
	17	J Emmons	Do		64 "	do
	18	P Parks	Do		82 "	do
	19	M Ray	Do		84 "	do
	20	J Hurley	Do		88 "	do
	21	M McLean	Do		94 "	do
	22	G. Van Nostrand	Do		102 "	do
	23	W[m] Murphy	Do		108 "	do
	24	J D L Walton	Do		326 Pearl St.	do
	25	A Kerr	Do		388 "	do
	26	do	Do		390 "	do
	27	J Drake	Do		396 "	do
	28	C Derrickson	Do		558 "	do

29	T *Brister* [Zabriskie]	Owner	53	Pump St	A privy
30	M Hughes	Do	65	"	do
31	M Roosboom	Do	73	"	do
32	J Nitchie	Do	81	"	do
33	J Grant	Do	54	Roosevelt St	do
34	Do	Do	56	"	do
35	M Furman	Do	58	"	do
36	Do	Do	60	"	do
37	Mr Harrison	Do	62	"	do
38	[369] B Underhill	do	63	do	do
39	Do	do	65	do	"
40	G. Jackson	do	67	do	"
41	R Warnock	do		<Roosevt & Cherry St	"
42	Wm L Simers	do	312	Pearl St	"
43	J Lorillard	do	347	do	"
44	G. Everingham	do	393	do	"
45	Dr Francis	do	413	do	"
46	Do	do	415	do	"
47	M Gilmore	do	435	do	"
48	Wm Tibbitts	do	439	do	"
49	Do	do	439½	do	"
50	Joel Post	do	276	Water St	"
51	G Robson	do	304	do	"
52	C Agnew	do	308	do	"
53	W L Simers	do	314	do	"
54	F Knowlin	do	316	do	"
55	A Higgins	do	338	do	"
56	E. Everitt	do	350	do	"
57	J W Corlis	do	352	do	"
58	Do	do	354	do	"
59	H Ashfield	do	196	William	"
60	P Lorillard	do	224	do	"
61	C. Hoy	do	250	do	"
62	J. Lovett	do	256	do	"
63	J. Lorillard	do		Washington	A Lot
64.	Wm L Simers	do		Mott St	"

Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

[370] Alderman Mann presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Street Committee to consider and report whether any alteration in the Law respecting the Removal of filth and dirt from the public Streets is necessary.

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund report their Opinion as to the expediency of allowing the holders of 6 per Cent City Stock to exchange the same to an amount not exceeding $400,000

for a Stock bearing an Interest of 4½ per Cent redeemable at the pleasure of the Common Council at any time after the 31st December 1837.

Alderman Cowdrey presented a Resolution on the subject of enforcing the Law preventing Dogs running at large—Which was referred to the Law Committee.

Mr Rathbone presented the following—Resolved, That all proceedings in relation to leasing the vacant ground in the rear of Essex Markets, (in the 10th Ward) be [371] suspended and that the subject of disposing of that ground be referred to a Committee to report whether an alteration in the quantity to be leased ought not to be made, Which having been read was referred to the Market Committee

The Recorder presented the following.

Resolved, That the Resolution adopted by the late Board to sell or dispose of certain Lots of ground lying between the City Hall & Chatham Street be suspended until the further order of this Board, notice however to be given to the present Occupants to remove on the first of May next.

Upon the question of agreeing to the same it passed in the affirmative.

Upon Motion it was Resolved that the Report of the Committee on the subject of the Jail and Bridewell and the several Resolutions thereon be printed for the use of the Members

It was also moved that the same be published in the Papers employed by the Board

The question being taken thereon and a Division being called by Alderman Cowdrey the Members voted as follows.

Affirmative, Mr Recorder [372] Alderm Cowdrey, Lee Ostrander Mr Agnew, Burtsell Hedden, Cox Dunscomb, Rathbone 10

Negative. Alderm Wyckoff King, Ireland Webb, Mann Taylor, Davis Mr Bolton, St John Hone. 10

The Board being equally divided his Honor the Mayor gave his vote in the Negative—So the question on publishing passed in the Negative.

Mr Dunscomb presented a Resolution directing the Superintendant of Repairs to place Locust posts near the Curb Stone on the East side of the park for the drivers of Carriages on the Stand to fasten their Horses to, which was referred to the Street Committee.

An Amendment to the Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the public Wharves was presented and referred to the Law Committee.

Alderman Ireland moved that the Board now go into appointment of Mayor for the ensuing year

Alderman Mann moved that the same be postponed until the next Meeting of the Board and that it be made the order of [373] the day— Alderman Ireland withdrew his Motion and the question being taken on Alderman Mann's proposition the same was carried in the affirmative.

The Comptroller made the following report.

Balance as per Acct 20 Decr, 1824	$9.24	
Recd for Tax of 1824—3. 4. 5. 8 Wards	6.300.	
" Streets	4.855.13	
" Rents	2.987.77	
" Tavern Licenses	290.	
" Wells & pumps	239.63	
" Mayoralty fees	128.	
" Sales at public Yard	46.37	
" Commutation Alien passengers	5.	
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 2d February	4,800.	19.661.14

87 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Concklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2 do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3 do	645.75
O Ayres Asst. City Inspecr 1 Mo 1 Ins	47.25
J Coffin do do 1 " 1 "	47.25
C. Gilman Keeper of Battery 1 " 1 "	31.
A. McCready do of Park 1 " 1 "	31.
W. Schureman do of Pottersfd 1 " 1 "	38.75
[374] Asten & Higbie Messengers 1 Mo 1 In	54.
O Jaques St Inspecr 1 Ward " "	34.87
P Wright do 2 do " "	34.87
T Jeroleman do 3 do " "	34.87
N B Lyon do 4 do " "	34.87
A Ackerman do 5 do " "	34.87
W Kerr do 6 do " "	34.87
B Fuller do 7 do " "	34.87
S Hutchings do 8 do " "	34.87
D Hubbard do 10 do " "	34.87
O Jaques St. Inspector 1 Ward for Manure Carted on Battery	125.
J Morton Clerk C. Council for Hack hire	44.
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Month 1 Inst	65.29
J Bremner Clerk Catharine Market 1 Month 1 Inst	58.
P Ammerman Clerk 6 Markets 1 Month 1 Inst	55.50
G Duryea Clerk Fulton Market 1 Month 1 Inst	41.67
R, Smith Clerk Franklin Market 1 Month 1 Inst	38.75
J Asten Sweeper Fulton Market 1 Month 1 Inst	38.59

[375] B Hicks Asst. Board of Health 1 Month 1 Inst.....						47.25
J Pinkney Asst Board of Health 1 Month 1 Inst.....						47.25
W Hoghland Keeper Penitentiary and Assist[e] 1 Quarter 1 Inst.....						537.50
J Woodward Clerk of County, fees of Office, Adverts &c for Elections						241.
The Mayor, Attens Board Supervis			4	dy[s]	1824.....	8.
The Recorder	do	do	3	"	"	6.
Alde[n] Wyckoff	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald. King	do	do	1	"	"	2.
Ald Ireland	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald Seymour	do	do	3	"	"	6.
Ald Zabriskie	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald Parker	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald Mann	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald Taylor	do	do	3	"	"	6.
Ald Doughty	do	do	2	"	"	4.
Ald Munson	do	do	4	"	"	8.
Ald Wyckoff Attending Sessions &c			15	days.....		60.
Ald King	do		3	"		12.
Ald Ireland	do		12	"		48.
Ald Seymour	do		12	"		48.
Ald Zabriskie	do		25	"		100.
Ald Parker	do		13	"		52.
Ald Mann	do		24	"		96.
[376] Ald Taylor	do		24	"		96.
Ald Doughty	do		12	"		48.
Ald Munson	do		12	"		48.
R. Riker Recorder 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst.....						375.
J Johnson & J H Bailey Assessors of Tax 1 Ward 1824....						320.
J Drake & W W Fox Assessors of Tax 2 Ward 1824.....						260.
N C Griffith & J Graham Assessors of Tax 3 Ward 1824..						320.
L Hartman & P Bonnett Assess[rs] of Tax 4 Ward 1824....						288.
J B Schmelzel & D Sutton Assessor[s] of Tax 5 Ward 1824						320.
P Halsted & C McLean Assessors of Tax 6 Ward 1824....						304.
J M Tuthill & C Fordham Assessors of Tax 7 Ward 1824..						260.
G Coutant & H. Howard Assessors of Tax 8 Ward 1824...						320.
T Miller & J Adriance Assessors of Tax 9 Ward 1824.....						316.
S Purdy & J Halsey Assessors of Tax 10 Ward 1824.....						320.
Daniel D Smith Stationary 2 April to 31 Decem[r] 1824.....						119.32
A Leggett Super[s] & Work Mud Machine 1 Inst.....						38.46
[377] G Snethen light[s] Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst.....						772.90
G Snethen Super[t] Lamps 1 Qr Salary 1 Ins.....						137.50
John Dunn & sons repairing Lamps 7 October to 31 Decem[r] 1824						209.63
John L Gillender & C[o] Glass Cups &c for Lamps.....						63.83
H Smith Acct. reg & pav Columbia St. from Grand to Rivington St.....						1100.
J McQueen Acct. reg Streets at Greenwich Village.....						1000.

S. Fargay Acct. reg. & pav Gouverneur Slip.....	750.	
J Culbert. Acct. reg. & pav. Wooster St from Canal to Broome St.....	500.	
S. Fargay. Acct. reg & pav Chatham St. from Broadway to Tryon row	500.	
J. Culbert, Acct. reg. & pav. Canal St. from Hudson to Greenwich St.....	200.	
C Mooney bal pav Side walks Prince St. between Broadway & Bowery.....	162.75	
R Pettigrew bal. reg & pav Watts St. from Canal to Greenwich St.....	161.52	
H. Smith Acct. Cross Walks 3d Ward.....	100.	
S Fargay repairing Intersections 2. 3. 4. 6 Wards.....	142.43	
J. Parker Gravil for flagging front City Hall.....	53.75	
H Smith repairing Intersections 3d Ward.....	23.29	
[378] Isaac Halsey Earth for repairs North St.....	10.82	
J Mehan repairs Intersections 6 Ward.....	10.43	
A H Mooney 1st payment Well Elizabeth St. near Spring St.....	41.	
Geo. Charlton 1st payment Well Varick near Canal St.....	27.36	
Geo. Lovett 2d payment Pier foot of Chamber St.....	1872.50	
A Burtis Supr Alms House for City Burial Ground, balance	3449.91	
	Balance	$93.61

The Board adjourned

VOLUME FIFTY-THREE

OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 1825 TO APRIL 11, 1825

[1] In Common Council January 17th 1825

Present. The Hon^ble W^m Paulding Jun^r Mayor President
Rich^d Riker Esq^r Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Sam^l St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	W^m Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Daniel E Dunscomb
Jacob B Taylor	Effingham Schieffelin
W^m A Davis	William P Rathbone,
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved,

A Petition from Sundry Owners of property praying that Sixth Street may be opened from Christopher Street to Broadway was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[2] A Petition of Marinus Willett was received stating that a Grant was directed to issue to Petitioner for a Water Grant extending in front of his Wharf between Broome and Delancy Streets, and terminating at a point in Tompkins Street which grant has not yet issued—that Petitioner understanding that the Corporation are intending to extend the limits of the City in that quarter, to East Street, he prays his grant may be extended to East Street, and if the rights of the Corporation to the ground under water do not extend so far, that Application be made to the Legislature for an extension of the rights of the Corporation, which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of W^m G Buckner for relief on an Assessment of Tax imposed on his brother in Law John T. Bulow which was referred to the Committee on Assessment

A Petition of William Welsh for remission of penalty incurred by hoisting Merchandise in the Streets, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Nicholas Low for return of Seven Dollars paid by him as charges on a Lot sold for Taxes which expences he is [3] not liable to pay was referred to the finance Committee

A Petition from J S Crary for permission to erect an Iron railing across the end of his house corner of Broadway and Franklin Streets was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the New York and Norwalk Steam Boat Association for hiring the Dock at foot of Roosevelt Street for Steam Boat John Marshall—was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Petition of Thomas R Smith Lessee of District N° 4 of Public Wharves and Slips to be released from his Contract was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John P Garniss and others stating they are possessed of the Ferry at Weehawk State of New Jersey and are desirous of establishing a Ferry therefrom by Steam and Team boats to the City of New York and pray a right therefor. Which was referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of J. Vanduzer praying relief on an assessment for a Personal Tax was referred to the Committee on Assessment.

[4] A Petition of Earl & West Brush and Bellows Makers, Stating that they have a large quantity of very heavy plank which was stored previous to the passage of the Resolution on the subject of hoisting Merchandise from the Streets, Which planks cannot be removed from the place where stored but by means of Falls that are on the out-side of Said Stores, and praying permission to make use of the Falls for their removal was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of Second Ward with powers

A Petition of Wilson J Hunt & Joseph Randolph was received stating—that they are Lessees under the Corporation of a Lot at Corner of Fulton and West Street opposite the Public Slip—that the Law lately passed in relation to the rates of Wharfage has occasioned the removal from the slip of a great portion of the River Craft, which has materially injured their business—they therefore pray a repeal of said Law or a reduction of the Rent agreed to be paid by them—The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition from a number of owners of property and Residents in the Vicinity of Washington Market, Stating that the Law [5] in relation to the Rates of Wharfage has occasioned the removal of the river Craft from the public Slips and materially injured the business of that part of the City and praying said Law may be repealed was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Bridget Byrns was received Stating that her Husband Morgan Byrnes took out a License for a Hackney Carriage in May last which would not expire until May next—but her husband having

departed this life she is informed she must renew the License in her own name—that her husband having left her poor the payment of the fee for the license would distress her and she therefore prayed it might be renewed to her until May next without paying for the same, the same having been read was referred to his Honor the Mayor.

A Petition of Peter Gerard Stuyvesant for a Grant of the Land under Water in the East river adjoining his property and extending to the permanent line—was referred to the Finance Committee.

Petitions were received from Gilbert Badeau John Nixon, Lambson Paul and Robert Furlong for Office of Keeper of Pottersfield—which was [6] referred to the Committee on Lands & places.

A Petition of Samuel Raymond for Office of Street Inspector, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition of Robert T Clark for Office of Measurer was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition from sundry persons praying that Cliff Street may be continued from Ferry Street to Frankfort Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Andrew Smith Commander of Ship Montano was received stating that in the Month of Novem^{r} 1823. he brought in said Vessel passengers from Havre de Grace, that one of said passengers having been employed as under Steward (named Siburt) he neglected to report him and has incured penalties therefor—that the omission was accidental and he prays that upon given the requisite Bond and paying all costs he may be relieved from said penalties—the Same having been read was referred to the Police Committee.

[7] A Petition of Rathbone & Fitch Lessees of Castle Garden for permission to Mortgage their Lease hold interest therein—was referred to the Finance Committee with authority.

A Petition of Cesar Gatereau for relief from a personal Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of John Faye in behalf of himself and the other Representatives of James O'Faye deceased, was received, stating that his father the said James O Faye dec^{d}, died intestate, and that a part of the personal property which he left has been received by the Public Administrator Benjamin Prince Esqr and by him paid into the City Treasury and praying the same may be paid over to him which was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Nathaniel C Griffith was received stating that he is the owner of a Bulkhead at the foot of Hammond Street on Hudson river, which was originally constructed for, and for a number of

years was used as a Site for a public ferry—and Petitioner prays that an exclusive privilege may be granted to him of Keeping a ferry within a district extending from the State Prison dock to Fort Gansevoort—which being read was referred to the Ferry Committee

[8] A Memorial of John Woodward Esqr Clerk of the City and County was received Stating that the Jury list returned to him under the Resolution of the Corporation of the 25th October last is in no particular conformable to the 13th Section of the Act of the Legislature passed 25 Febr^{y} 1823 which prescribes that duty—The result he States to be that the Resolution of the Board is wholly insufficient—He recommends an Application to be made to the Legislature for a Law on the Subject Applicable to this City—the same having been read was referred to the Law Committee

A Memorial was received from the New York Lombard Association Stating that for purposes of public good they were desirous of placing the said Institution under the immediate protection and care of the Corporation—They therefore respectfully request that their Memorial may be referred to a Committee of the Board to whom they may submit their views on the subject—Whereupon the Same was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of John R Soper Lessee of Public Wharves of 3^{d} District praying relief from Losses incurred by the non-completion of a Pier at the time it was agreed to be finished when the District was leased [9] to him, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John Field sub Lessee of Lot N^{o} 57 on Chatham St praying an extension of the term of said Lease, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance from Sundry owners of property at *Corlais* Corlae[r]s Hook against the proposed establishment of a public square at that place & requesting to be heard on the subject before a Committee of the Common Council was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial was presented from a large number of proprietors of ground and Inhabitants in the vicinity of Pottersfield remonstrating against contin[u]ing that place as a Publick Burial Ground, and requesting that another place be selected for that purpose—was referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the Eighth & Ninth Wards

Two Remonstrances from a very large number of Citizens were received Stating that while they approved of enlarging the Park and removing the Jail and Bridewell they have Seen with regret that the addition to the Park contemplated is only a strip of about Sixty feet in depth on the westerly side, and that the triangular [10] piece on

Chatham Street is to be sold in Lots—they therefore pray that the Board will reconsider the Resolution directing the Comptroller to sell the Lots on Chatham Street—the same having been read was referred to the Committee on that Subject, viz, on the Jail & Bridewell

A Petition of the Assessors of several of the Wards on the subject of their compensation was read and laid for consideration

A Letter was received from William B Crosby stating that in a Deed executed by Henry Rutgers and Others on the 30th March 1819 ceding to the Corporation certain lands to widen Market—Henry and other Streets—a Reservation was made, of Lot N° 296 corner of Henry and Market Streets—that the reason for that exemption no longer existing he was willing now to execute a conveyance of so much of that Lot as may be requisite to Widen Henry Street—Whereupon it was referred to the Street Committee with authority to accept Said Grant

The Committee of Assessments on the petition of Major Perrault reported against the Same as follows

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the Petition of Major. [11] H Perrault, praying the sum of five dollars and ten Cents to be refunded to him, which Sum he had paid to the Collector of the 3d Ward as the amount of his personal tax, respectfully report.

That they have examined the case of the Petitioner, and he having been assessed according to Law, your Committee are satisfied that the reasons assigned by him, are not sufficient to justify the repayment of the money above mentioned, and therefore suggest the propriety of giving him leave to withdraw his Petition.

respectfully Submitted

Josiah Hedden
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) D, E, Dunscomb
Sl Cowdrey

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted,

The Watch Committee to whom the Petition of William Shepherd was referred reported in his favour as follows. viz.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Shepherd praying for some relief, for injuries received while in the discharge of his Duties as a Watchman, Report, That they have given it that consideration that the Case requires, and have made proper inquiry as to the facts set forth in the annexed [12] petition,

All of which they find to be correct, Your Committee think it but an Act of justice that some relief should be given him they therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting of the Board for 45 Dollars in favour of William Shepherd,

Which was adopted

They also further reported as follows

Your Committee further Report that in examining the Watch Caps at the several Watch Houses, they find that many of them want immediate Repairs, and they are of opinion that it will be necessary to have some new ones made, they all require to be repainted and numbered as there are but few on which the numbers can be Seen, they offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Repairs be authorised under the direction of the Watch Committee to carry the last mentioned Report into effect.

Jameson Cox
J. Hedden
Wm Burtsell
Philip Hone
Wm P, Rathbone

Which was approved and directed to be done by the Superintendant of Repairs under [13] direction of the Watch Committee.

The Market Committee on the petition of John Moore for Stall N° 15 Catharine Market reported in his favour as follows

The Market Committee, to whom was referred the annexed petition of John Moore to occupy the Stand N° 15 Catharine Market at present held by John P Warmong, and a Communication from John P Warmong relinquishing said Stand in favour of Moore, beg leave respectfully to Report,

That in the opinion of Your Committee it is proper to grant the prayer of the Petitioner, and they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That a Butchers License be granted to John Moore, to occupy the Stand N° 15 in Catharine Market

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Matw Reed
D. E. Dunscomb
Thos Bolton

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted,

The Market Committee presented a Resolution that Butchers Licenses be granted for Fulton Market to the following persons

James J Titus for Stall N° 57
[14] John Perrin for Stall N° 24
Robert Elder Do N° 22
Thos Gibbons Jr Do 2

Which was approved

The Committee on Lands and places on the Subject of Appointing a Keeper of Pottersfield presented a Report recommending J Myers for that Office, Which was read, and laid for consideration

The Committee on the Fire department on the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 18 for a new Engine reported in favour of the Petition as follows.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of the Members of Engine Company N° 18 praying that their Engine may be sold and a new one furnished the Company—Report that they have deferred reporting on the above petition for Some time in consequence of the Board having ordered three new Machines to be built for different Companies, and the want of a purchaser for the above Engine—the new Engines being now completed and an Offer having been received for N° 18, Your Committee beg leave to recommend that a Sale be made of her, particularly as she [15] is now the most inferior Machine belonging to the Department, she was built in the Year 1812 is less than the Standard Size and will soon require heavy repairs, under these Considerations the following resolution is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of repairs be instructed to dispose of Engine N° 18, at a price not less than $450

(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well corner of Clarkson & Greenwich Street reported in favour of the same as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Clarkson & Greenwich Street—Report,

that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly they respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the [16] petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D, E, Dunscomb
R Graves—St Commr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward on the Petition for a Well and Pump at the Corner of Greenwich & Morton Streets reported in favour of the Same as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and pump near the Intersection of Greenwich and Morton Streets, report that in their Opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly, respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners ought to be granted

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D E Dunscomb
R Graves—St Commr

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving the Side Walks of Orange St from Broome to Prince Street, reported in [17] favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for paving the Side Walks in Orange Street from Broome to Prince Street, report, that in their Opinion their request should be granted, and accordingly recommend the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Saml St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for Paving the side walks of Grand Street from Varick to Sullivan Street reported in favour of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed petition for paving the Side Walks in Grand Street, between Varick and

Sullivan Street, report, that in their Opinion their request ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved, That the request of the Petitioners be granted.

[18] Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom on the 20th December last had been referred the Report of the Committee of Assessment on the Petition of John Oothout to be relieved from an Assessment for Opening Thompson Street, reported,

The Report of the Committee on Assessment was in the words following,

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the annexed Petition of John Oothout, praying to be relieved from an Assessment of Two Hundred and Sixty four dollars, for opening and extending Thompson Street,

Report, that on the 8th June 1807, the Street Commissioner, John S. Hunn Esqr reported to the Common Council, a Map of a number of Streets, through grounds belonging to the late Anthony L Bleecker Esqr including Thompson Street, which M[r] Bleecker proposed to cede to the Corporation, as public Streets, on condition that his grounds should not be assessed for Opening Streets, [19] through the surrounding premises, And the Street Commissioner added, that in his Opinion the terms of M[r] Bleecker ought to be agreed to. Whereupon the Board, resolved, that the said Terms be accepted, On the 24th October 1808, the Street Commissioner further Reported that he had procured the Deed of Cession from M[r] Bleecker and his wife for all the Streets in question, without any further condition than the regulating part of Bleecker Street already accomplished and paid for by the Board—Which Deed was referred to James Woods Esq[r] then Counsel of the Board, who on the 31st October then instant, reported his Approval of the same, and it was thereupon accepted, and filed in the Comptroller's Office.

The manner in which the business connected with this Cession, was transacted, and particularly the expressions used by Mr. Hunn in his last communication when taken in connection with his previous communication, his first communication referring to certain conditions on

which Mr Bleecker would make the Cession, viz. an exemption from assessment on his grounds, for opening Streets through the surrounding premises—and the last Stating that he had procured the Cession without any further condition than the regulating part of Bleecker Street, which had been done by the Board, before his Deed of Cession had been [20] executed,) have led the Officers of the Board into some difficulty and embarrassment, as to the true nature and effect of the agreement, which really took place, between Mr Hunn in behalf of the Common Council, and Mr Bleecker, And this difficulty would have Still continued, had not a correspondence taken place between Mr Oothout and Mr Hunn, growing out of the application of Mr Oothout now referred to Your Committee. This Correspondence was undertake[n] by Mr Oothout, on the ground above mentioned, namely, a difference of opinion as to the true intent of the Contract between Mr Bleecker and the Corporation, and the object of Mr Oothout was, as Stated by himself, to obtain an answer from Mr Hunn, explanatory of his report of the 24th October 1808, To which Mr Hunn gives a very full and definite Answer, Stating, "That the sole Condition upon "which Mr Bleecker ceded all those Streets, was, that mentioned in "his report of the 24th October 1808, without any reference to his "original proposition"

It is proper to State that the Letter of Mr Oothout was written long prior to his petition to the Board, and that he did not receive the answer of Mr Hunn until Saturday last, the [21] 18th December, Instant, and that the Committee have much Satisfaction in Stating to the Board, that while they were under the embarrassment arising from the apparently fair claim of Mr Oothout to be relieved from the Assessment as prayed for by him, and the evident bad policy of the supposed agreement on the part of the Common Council with Mr Bleecker, as a precedent and the doubts expressed by the Counsel of the Board to Your Committee, as to the legal right of those claiming under Mr Bleecker to the relief suggested by Mr Oothout, the latter Gentleman with a frankness highly honourable to him, lost no time in laying the Correspondence before the Committee, and at the same time stating, that had the Letter of Mr Hunn arrived in season, he never would have applied to the Board, as he had felt himself obliged to do

The Committee would not have been thus minute in their report, (except as to the very correct conduct of Mr Oothout) had they not been informed, that a similar misapprehension of the nature of the agreement between Mr Bleecker and the Common Council, had

existed, in relation to an Assessment for the widening of Bleecker Street—The minutes with regard to which are found recorded on the 21st July 1823, and in Consequence of which, the present Street Commissioner [22] has charged the Corporation, as having assumed the payment of $550.50, which ought to have been assessed upon the persons interested and benefitted.

The Committee, for the purpose of throwing light upon this intricate subject, have requested of Mr Oothout permission to report the Originals of the above mentioned correspondence between him and Mr Hunn, with which he has complied, and the Letters between those Gentlemen, are accordingly herewith communicated, which the Committee recommend should be placed on file

The Committee conclude by recommending the following Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Petitioner has no claim on this Board, of the nature stated in his petition, and that the same be disallowed.

Resolved, That the subject of the Assessment for widening Bleecker Street, as referred to in this Report, be referred to the Street Committee, with directions that they investigate it, and report thereon to this Board

(Signed) J. Cowdrey
Geo. Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Stephen Conover

[23] The Report of the Street Committee thereon was as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on Assessments on the subject of the exemption of the Estate of the late Anthony L Bleecker from certain assessments for Opening Thompson Street, as also for the widening Bleecker Street—Report that they have attentively considered the subject, and have also had the opinion of the Counsel to this Board. (which is herewith submitted) from all which, they are induced to Offer the following Resolution as expressive of their Opinion

Resolved, that Morris De Camp the Collector appointed on the 4th day of February 1823. to Collect and receive the assessment for widening Bleecker Street, as confirmed by the supreme Court on the 10th day of January 1823 be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to proceed and Collect all those Assessments that remain uncollected thereon, and that the same shall be collected in the usual manner according to Law—and further that Mr De Camp be allowed twenty

dollars therefor—And further, that the Street Commissioner be directed to correct the entries in his Books accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
[24] (Signed) Asa Mann
Saml St. John
Philip Hone

Whereupon the Report of the Committee of Assessments was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the 8th of Novemr last on subject of widening Fletcher Street reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution, respecting the widening of Fletcher Street, and advancing the buildings on Maiden Lane from Front Street to South Street report that they have duly considered the subject, and are of the opinion that it is inexpedient, inasmuch as spacious Streets and places are required in that section of the City for vending bulky articles at Auction, and also for as much as it is not asked for by the owners of the lots on that Street—they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to take the necessary measures for carrying into effect the alteration of the Streets as proposed by the annexed resolution

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander,
[25] (Signed) Asa Mann
Saml St, John,
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Robert McGill to erect an Iron railing in front of his house reported in favour of the same as follows,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Robert McGill for permission to erect an Iron area railing in front of his building No 70 Chamber Street—Report that in their opinion no evil can arise from his request being granted provided it does not exceed the limits prescribed by Law which is four feet four inches in

that Street, and would place it on a line with the railings of the adjoining buildings they accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioner be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

Which was approved the resolution adopted

[26] The Street Committee to whom was referred a Petition of the Inhabitants of Pearl St. for an improvement at the corner of Coenties Alley reported *reported* in favour of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry owners of property on Pearl Street near Coenties Slip and its vicinity, praying that Pearl Street may be widened and improved by removing a part of the buildings at Coenties Lane according to a Map or diagram herewith presented—have given the subject their deliberate consideration, and are of the opinion the request of the petitioners is just and proper and ought to be granted, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That Pearl Street be widened at Coenties Lane agreeably to a Map thereof, herewith presented, and that the Counsel to this Board, make the necessary application to the Supreme Court in order that the same may be carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

[27] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Resolution for fixing posts at the Park for Hackmen to fasten their Horses to; reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolutions for placing Posts along the Park for the Hackmen to fasten the Horses to—report that by the existing Ordinance of this Board the Hackmen are compeled to keep on the Drivers Seat while on the Stand and by permitting them to fasten their Horses to a post much irregularity and inconvenience would ensue—Your Committee are

of the Opinion that the present Ordinance if enforced would remedy the evil intended to be obviated by the erection of posts

Accordingly they submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the erection of Posts along the Park is inexpedient

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[28] The Street Committee on the Petition for paving the side walks in Stanton St. reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for paving the side walks in Stanton Street, from the Bowery to Eldridge Street, report that in their opinion, the request of the petitioners ought to be granted—and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Lamp Committee on the petition that the names of Streets be printed on the Lamps in the Street reported against the same as follows, Viz.

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Calvin Walker Jun[r] and John L Moffett, praying that the Common Council would cause the names of the Streets to be painted on the Glass of the public Lamps, "respectfully [29] Report. That they are of opinion it would be improper to comply with the p[r]ayer of the petitioners, that the Letters would cover nearly the whole of the Glass, unless made too small to be legible, a measure of this kind would have the effect of darkening the Streets, and thereby be an evil, independent of an expence upon the City; Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

(Signed) Wm H Ireland
John Webb
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted,

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the several petitions of John Mann Junr and James Thompson for the return of money paid by them on assessments reported in favour as follows. Viz

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petitions of John Mann Junr and James Thompson, praying each to be refunded the sum of Seven Dollars, for an advertisement and Lease on the Sale of Lands for Taxes redeemed by them, which have not been made. That it is usual [30] to refund the amount of these charges, when the Land is redeemed before the advertisements or Leases are made, That the Street Commissioner informs your Committee that the facts stated in the petitions are correct, Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved. That the Comptroller report warrants in favour of each of the above named petitioners for the sum of Seven Dollars

(Signed) Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of the Trustees of the New York City Dispensary for the usual allowance of $500 to the Institution reported in favour, as follows—Viz,

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed communication from the Treasurer of the New York City Dispensary, That the said Institution, which is one of great public usefulness, now prays for a donation of Five [31] Hundred Dollars, which is the sum annually granted by this Board, Your Committee cannot hesitate in recommending that the Board should grant the usual donation to this valuable institution, and they therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller report a Warrant in favour of

Lindley Murray, Treasurer of the New York City Dispensary, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Elizabeth Eversson for delay of sale of her property on an assessment for Thompson Street. reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Elizabeth Eversson, That the petitioner prays that the Sale of a House and Lot owned by her in Thompson Street, for Assessments, may be postponed; But inasmuch as it appears that the said premises have been already sold for said Assessments, Your Committee [32] offer for the consideration of the Board, the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Stephen Gould for transfer of Lease of Lot, corner of Wall and Broad St reported in favour of the same as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Stephen Gould, That the petitioner prays for the right to transfer a lease, dated 3d April, 1809. from the Corporation to him (of the Lot and House at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets) to the Life and Fire Insurance Company—Your Committee can see no reason why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, in this instance, on the usual terms, They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Comptroller consent to the above transfer, provided [33] that all arrears of rent be previously paid, and provided

that there shall appear to be no previous transfer of said Lease. from the said Stephen Gould inconsistent with the proposed transfer

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved [and] the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Stephen Conklin for Lease of Lot at head of Albany Basin reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Stephen Conkling that the petitioner wishes to lease a Lot next to the water at the head of the Albany Basin, North River, Your Committee cannot consider it at all expedient, before the extension of the upland at Albany Basin to West St, to determine respecting the propriety of selling or leasing any of said property. They therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Asa Mann
[34] (Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a Resolution of the 13th Decemr last authorising said Committee to make an amicable settlement on subject of Chamberlain's Communication respecting a Tax on One of the Incorporated Insurance Companies presented the following Report which was approved and the Resolution adopted

A Copy of the opinion of James Kent Esqr on the subject of the Hope Insurance Company accompanied said Report, and was directed to be filed

The Report of the Committee was as follows—Viz

The Finance Committee respectfully report that a decision of a question arising under the Tax Laws has been obtained relative to the obligation of Companies to pay the Tax upon their capital Stock, this question having arisen, was, by the authority of the Board, submitted to the arbitrament of James Kent Esqr who was agreed upon

as the arbitrator by both parties—and his [35] determination in writing has been obtained, the result of which, it is understood, will be acquiessed in by the Company whose tax was the subject of the Arbitration, and who by the decision are to pay the Tax as assessed by the Assessors.

The construction put upon the Tax Law by this decision is, that every Incorporated Company deriving a regular income from the employment of its Capital, must either pay the Tax assessed upon its whole Capital, or must commute by paying (on the day of the annual meeting of the Supervisors) ten per Cent upon its dividends, or upon its profits, or upon its income—This decision is no doubt a true expos[it]ion of the Law on the subject, and your Committee having obtained that decision, under a Resolution of the Board, they have deemed it proper to communicate the result to the Board, and to offer for consideration the following resolution.

Resolved, That a copy of this report be served by the Clerk on the Chamberlain of the City.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

[36] The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Resolution of the 8th November last in relation to doubts respecting the construction of the Law relative to Tavern and Excise Licenses reported as follows. (viz)

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the annexed resolution respecting amendments to the Law, regulating the Sale of Liquors by retailing in this City, respectfully report, That they have prepared a Law more particularly to prescribe that only the Alderman and Assistant of each Ward, together with the Mayor, or a majority of them, shall grant Licenses in each Ward—And that persons consenting to, or permitting Liquors to be sold or delivered on their premises, shall be liable to the same penalties (they not being licensed) as if they themselves committed the act

With these amendments your Committee believe that the Law in question will be effectual in its provisions, and will avoid all the objections that have been suggested against it

They therefore offer for consideration, the following Resolution

[37] Resolved, That the Counsel engross said Law, and prepare and report a proper memorial to the Legislature to accompany the same.

(Signed) Wm Burtsell
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Jacob B Taylor
Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the Law proposed by them under the Title of "An Act to amend the Act of the 10th April 1824 entitled "an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to lay a duty on Strong "liquors and for regulating Inns and Taverns so far as it relates to "the City of New York and for other purposes" was approved, "directed to be engrossed by the Counsel, duly authenticated and "transmitted to the Legislature now in session in Albany

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Resolution of the 11th October last referring it to said Committee to enquire and report what amendments were requisite to be applied for, in relation to the Act concerning Taxes presented a report, accompanied with a Law on the subject which were read laid for consideration and [38] directed to be printed for the use of the Members

The following Report from the Institution of the Deaf and Dumb was presented. read and ordered to be filed

To the Honl the Corporation of the City of New York

The subscriber in behalf of the Directors of the New York Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb has the pleasure to report that there are now in the Institution and attending the School fifty four pupils classed as follows, Viz.

State pupils	27	
Charity	18	
Pay	9	
		54

John Harwood a pauper from the Alms House has been taken as a boarding pupil and is included in the number of State pupils, and he will be boarded clothed and instructed for three years, He appears to be a tractable and promising boy. A Report more in detail on the condition and prospects of the Institution as made to the Legislature

of the State, is printing and will shortly be laid before [39] your Hon^ble^ Body

By Order of the Board

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Samuel Akerly Sec^y^
Institⁿ for the D & Dumb

The following were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Hook and Ladder C^o^ N^o^ 2.

Elijah Fordham, Carver & Gilder 382 Pearl St
Vice, John M Banker—Resigned

Fire Hook and Ladder C^o^ N^o^ 3

Freman Cole Machinist, Amos Cor Greenwich lane
Vice Jacob Conklin—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N^o^ 13

Benjamin M Underhill, Merchant 15 Peck Slip
Vice V Van Dewater
Alfred S Underhill Merchant 15 Peck Slip Vice C Agnew

Fire Engine Company N^o^ 17

John Hunniford, Tin man, 16 Essex St.
Vice Andrew Riker—time Expired
James Vanalst, Boat Builder, 138 Grand St
Vice John Crothers—Resigned
Robert Kervin, Ship Wright 238 Stanton
Vice Robert H Stanton Resigned
[40] Robert C Carpenter, Boat Builder 28 Cherry St
Vice Legrand Sands Resigned
Joseph Dennis, Cooper 3 Cheapside St
Vice Theophlius Richards Resigned
Asa H Phelps, Saddler. 171 Orange St To fill the Company

Fire Engine Company N^o^ 20

Ezra West, Mason, Cor. of Church & Canal
Vice Reul Cunningham, time Expired
James Smith Turner Elm St Vice Samuel Rudolph Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 22

John Weeden Carver 55 Orchard St.
Vice Benjamin Sands joined another C°

Reuben B Macy, Carver, 227 Cherry St.
Vice William Mackins Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 25

Charles Ellet, Merchant, 79 Pearl St. Vice Cyrus White Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 29

William Knapp Shoe Maker, Hammon[d] St
Vice James G. Hall, Resigned

Samuel Gunton, Grocer Charles St Vice John West, Time Expired

[41] The Comptroller presented the following Report accompanied with the release therein mentioned

The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board, for their Approbation, a Release of Quit Rent on a Water Lot granted to Teunis Tiebout on the 11th day of May 1774.

The Indenture is to Abraham Valentine, Lockwood De Forest, and Guerretta Polhemus and was Commuted by them on the 8th Inst. It is approved by the Counsel of the Board

G N Bleecker Compt[r]

Whereupon the same was approved and the Release directed to be duly executed

The Comptroller presented a Balance Sheet for the Year 1824. which was referred to the Finance Committee

The Comptroller also presented an Estimate of the probable Receipts and Expenditures for the current year, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney presented the following Report on cases of Rodman Bowne and Cap[t] Jennings

The Attorney respectfully reports, that a Suit was commenced against Rodman [42] Bowne for a penalty equal to the amount of Wharfage due Smith & Thorne, late lessees of the Slips, viz 37 dolls. $^{75}/_{100}$, M[r] Bowne having settled with the lessees and paid all costs, it has been usual to remit the penalty, and the remission is accordingly recommended

Captain Jennings, of the Ship President, was also written to for not reporting his passengers, which he having since done, and paid all

costs, the remission of the penalty (being usual in such cases) is also recommended

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the penalties incurred were remitted

The Attorney presented the following Report on notices to the Tenants on Chatham Square

The Attorney of the Board, at the request of the Comptroller, has prepared the Drafts of the requisite notices to the Lessees, or whom else it may concern, of the several premises situate on the north westerly side of Chatham Street, between the Gaol and the Free School adjoining Tryon Row in the [43] 6th Ward (held under leases from this Corporation to John Moore dated 1 November 1821, to James McCarthy dated 1 May 1821, to Ithamar Osborn dated 29th October 1821, to John Moore dated 1 May 1812 and to Wm B. Dobson, dated 1 May 1812.) declaring that the same, or a part thereof, are required by this Corporation for widening and straightening Chatham Street, and for other public purposes; and that it is the will and intention of this Corporation that the said several leases of the said premises shall determine on the first day of May next; and that on or before said first day of May next, the whole of the said premises, with the appurtenances, held under the Leases aforesaid, must be quit, surrendered, and yielded up to this Corporation

The Attorney respectfully submits these notices to the Board in order that the requisite number of Copies of the same, which the Comptroller has been requested to serve, may be directed to be authenticated under the Seal of the Board, in the usual manner, during the recess

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which were approved, and they were directed [44] to be duly authenticated under the Corporate Seal.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the following Assessments, and Warrants were ordered to Issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same, viz.

For paving Beekman St. from Pearl to Water St

For do at Gouverneuirs Slip

For Opening 5th Avenue

For do Thompson St.

The Street Commissioner also presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereon

Assessment for paving Willett St from Grand to Stanton St & Morris De Camp was Appointed Collector

Do for Well and pump in Elizabeth St. near Spring St. and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

Do for paving Washington St from Beaver Lane to Marketfield St and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner also presented the following Ordinances which were passed—viz,

[45] For paving the side Walks in Stanton St. from the Bowery to Eldridge St. and Abr^{m} Dally, Benjamin Prince and John Targee were appointed Assessors

For paving side walks in Orange St. from Broome to Prince Street, and Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

For paving the side walks in Grand St from Varick St to Sullivan St and John Salisbury, John Brower, & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For a Well and pump in Morton Street near Greenwich St. & Isaac Kip—Cary Dunn Jun^{r} & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

For a Well and pump near the Intersection of Greenwich and Clarkson Streets & John Salisbury, John Brower & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Nuisances for to be remedied viz

N^{o}	1	J Berrian	Owner	N^{o}	8 Ann St.	A privy
	2	J Tabell	Do		36 do	do
	3	J D Disosway	Do		11 Birmingham	Do
	4	[46] A Judson	do		106 Division St	"
	5	C Gordon	do		142 "	"
	6	do	do		144 "	"
	7	T Ruland	do		150 "	"
	8	P Downey	do		194 "	"
	9	T Place	do		200 "	"
	10	F Stagg	do		47 Ferry St	"
	11	do	do		49 "	"
	12	P Bonnet	do		64 Frankfort St	"

13	C N Baldwin	Owner	70	Frankfort St	A privy
14	M Saunders	do	22	Gold St	"
15	P Sharpe	do	36	"	"
16	S Horton	do	47	"	"
17	J Parrot	do	48	"	"
18	Do	do	52	"	"
19	D Lawrence	do	64	"	"
20	Mr Wilcock	do	73	"	"
21	J Davis	do	81	"	"
22	A Mercein	do	93	"	"
23	A Valentine	do	473	Greenwich St	"
24	W Bowne	do	5	Hague	"
25	C Pulhemus	do	73	Hester St.	"
26	B *Braims* [Brain]	do	89	"	"
27	Do	do	91	"	"
28	S. Oakley	do	95	"	"
29	E. Hoffman	do	131	"	"
30	M Wheeler	do	135	"	"
31	Do	do	139	"	"
32	Mrs White	do	11	John St.	"
33	[47] H Byrnes	do	15	do	"
34	M Switzer	do	57	do	"
35	T Jenkins	do	59	Do	"
36	A. Anderson	do	71	Do	"
37	J Greenleaf	do	21	Nassau St.	"
38	Do	do	21½	Do	"
39	A W Peckwell	do	44	Do	"
40	A White	do	66	Do	"
41	J Crygier	do	67	Do	"
42	A Merritt	do	80	Do	"
43	P Aymar	do		Do	"
44	A White	do	83	Do	"
45	J Mowatt Jr	do	86	Do	"
46	J C Bayless	do	40	Pump St.	"
47	J M Tuthill	do	54	Do	"
48	M Dixon	do	56	Do	"
49	J Deseamus	do	64	Do	"
50	F Gantze	do	70	Do	"
51	M Wheeler	do	72	Do	"
52	Mr Darling	do	74	Do	"
53	F Gantze	do	76	Do	"
54	A Tanner	do	6	Rose St	"
55	S. Fitz Randolph	do	9	Spruce St	"
56	C Eddy	do	27	Do	"
57	J More	do	33	Do	"
58	C Couenhoven	do	35	Do	"
59	A Bowne	do	43	Do	"
60	T. Amerman	do	11	Vandewater	"
61	J Webster	do	25	Do	"

62	[48] J S McCready	Owner	120	William St	A privy
63	Mrs Glover	"	129	Do	"
64	M Cruickshank	"	133	Do	"
65	D West	"	134	Do	"
66	do	"	136	Do	"
67	E H Ring	"	137	Do	"
68	J Gardner	"	142	Do	"
69	J Ammerman	"	152	Do	"
70	do	"	154	Do	"
71	J Van Buskirk	"	166	Do	"
72	Mrs Johnson	"	171	Do	"
73	Lord & Smith	"	177	Do	"
74	C C. Cogswell	"	227	Do	"
75	H Overing	"	229	Do	"
76	Mr Hide	"	231	Do	"
77	M Townsend	"	243	do	"
78	A Derham	"	263	Do	"
79	Jas Rickets	"		Spring St	A Lot

(Signed) Geo Cuming
City Inspector

He also presented his annual Report of Deaths and Interments, together with his remarks thereon, which was directed to be printed

Remarks.

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board, a statement of the deaths in the City and County of New York, [49] for the Year 1824, amounting to four thousand, three hundred and forty One—This number considerably exceeds that of the preceding year being eight hundred and ninety Seven more than what then took place.

The deaths by Consumption were Seven hundred and thirty Six—the Males exceeding the females Sixty Six in number

The number of Coloured persons that died of this fatal disease amounted to One hundred and Seven, The entire deaths of this Class of every Complaint were Seven hundred and Eighteen.

It is to be regretted that the Small Pox which commenced its frightful ravages in November 1823, has not yet been arrested in its course. during the last year, three hundred and ninety four died of this complaint. of which One hundred and thirteen were coloured persons. This large proportion probably arose from their greater inattention to Vaccination than the Whites manifested; yet it is well known that a very great negligence in this important practice prevails amongst the latter, notwithstanding the many opportunities afforded to all in our City

The following table is presented to [50] *to* shew the Sexes and Ages of those that died of the Small Pox. together with those of Colour under each head

	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
January	15	5	13	10	43
February	17	10	17	17	61
March	17	15	16	21	69
April	25	8	20	19	72
May	18	6	15	10	49
June	6	5	10	13	34
July	2	0	7	3	12
August	1	1	2	3	7
September	0	0	2	3	5
October	5	3	2	3	13
Novemr	9	0	5	2	16
December	5	0	6	2	13
Total	120	53	115	106	394

Of whom were Under 1 Year	45	including	13	Coloured persons
Between 1 & 2	27	Ditto	2	Ditto
" 2 " 5	62	Ditto	14	Ditto
" 5 " 10	46	Ditto	8	Ditto
" 10 " 20	41	Ditto	11	Ditto
" 20 " 30	102	Ditto	35	Ditto
" 30 " 40	35	Ditto	17	Ditto
" 40 " 50	24	Ditto	8	Ditto
" 50 " 60	9	Ditto	3	Ditto
" 70 " 80	3	Ditto	2	Ditto
Total	394	Total	113	

[51] An Annual Report of Interments in the City & County of New York, commencing on the first day of January and ending on the thirty first day of December 1824, shewing the Ages, Sexes and Disease of the persons who died,

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Novemr	December	Total
Men	101	101	107	118	116	99	101	93	97	103	128	80	1.244
Women	75	72	85	95	75	56	53	75	61	101	66	73	887
Boys	90	108	90	108	93	92	108	147	104	96	80	88	1.204
Girls	79	82	103	90	69	71	95	131	90	85	66	45	1.006
	345	363	385	411	353	318	357	446	352	385	340	286	4.341

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Novemr	December	Total
Of whom were of the													
Age of 1 Year & under	80	82	73	81	71	81	122	151	90	97	75	69	1072
Between 1 and 2.....	21	32	29	35	23	26	32	67	49	41	23	19	397
2 " 5.....	32	44	48	40	35	24	27	30	29	23	24	27	389
5 " 10.....	14	15	21	22	15	14	12	9	10	15	13	4	164
10 " 20.....	22	17	23	19	20	17	11	21	16	4	5	15	190
20 " 30.....	43	53	53	59	52	43	40	38	37	59	44	38	559
30 " 40.....	48	39	40	47	63	47	45	39	44	47	51	34	564
40 " 50.....	38	31	37	48	36	29	28	26	32	47	45	28	425
50 " 60.....	23	19	34	52	15	15	18	27	20	16	25	21	258
60 " 70.....	11	14	12	18	10	13	9	18	12	11	16	15	159
70 " 80.....	5	11	9	10	8	7	9	13	10	16	9	8	115
80 " 90.....	5	5	4	6	3	2	4	6	2	7	4	8	56
90 " 100.....	2	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	11
of 100 & upwards.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
	345	363	385	411	353	318	357	446	352	385	340	286	4341

[52] Diseases & Casualties	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Novemr	December	Total
Abscess	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	6	2	17
Aneurism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Apoplexy	5	4	6	3	7	6	4	3	5	4	0	5	52
Asphyxia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Asthma	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Burned or Scalded.....	1	2	1	3	13	1	0	1	1	2	3	3	31
Carbuncle	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cancer	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	4	9
Casualty	3	1	3	2	5	4	4	2	3	3	1	2	33
Catarrh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Child Bed	3	1	4	5	6	7	0	3	3	1	5	6	44
Cholera Morbus	0	1	1	2	0	0	6	8	2	1	0	1	22
Colic	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	10
Consumption	67	67	67	53	60	54	55	69	57	61	76	50	736
Convulsions	24	12	8	20	19	17	32	28	15	22	15	19	231
Contusion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Cramp in Stomach.....	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	8
Diabetes	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Diarrhœa	4	3	1	3	4	1	7	8	11	6	5	2	55

Diseases & Casualties	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Novemr	December	Total
Drinking Cold Water..	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Dropsy	11	6	8	9	12	6	11	11	13	12	10	6	115
Dropsy in Chest.....	3	4	3	5	3	8	2	4	2	5	2	3	44
Dropsy in Head.....	16	21	21	20	17	18	18	19	17	16	18	17	218
Drowned	3	1	3	8	19	17	7	4	2	4	2	3	53
Dysentery	1	1	3	2	0	3	18	48	24	13	5	2	120
Dyspepsia	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5
[53] Epilepsy	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	10
Erysipelas	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	8
Fever	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	5	2	8	4	2	32
Fever Bilious	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	11
Fever bilious remittent.	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	6
Fever hectic	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Fever inflamatory	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	8
Fever intermittent	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	3	3	0	0	15
Fever puerperal	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	6
Fever putrid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Fever remittent	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	8	3	1	4	1	25
Fever Scarlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Fever typhus	11	4	6	6	3	4	3	8	13	11	5	5	79
Flux infantile	1	0	0	0	1	4	24	47	15	9	1	0	102
Fracture	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Gout	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Gravel	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Hæmorrhage	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	3	14
Hæmoptysis	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	8
Hives or Croup.....	10	8	13	9	6	10	6	12	10	25	15	15	139
Hysteria	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jaundice	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	12
Infanticide	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inflammation of Bladder	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Inflammation of the Bowels	6	6	8	12	6	11	11	9	16	9	10	4	108
[54] Inflammation of the Brain	2	3	4	6	5	7	5	4	1	4	2	3	46
Inflammation of the Chest	7	15	16	7	13	8	6	6	7	17	22	16	140
Inflammation of the Liver	0	2	2	2	4	1	3	5	6	3	6	3	37
Inflammation of the Stomach	2	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	4	1	0	2	15
Influenza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Insanity	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	7
Intemperance	2	4	6	6	5	9	6	5	5	12	7	3	70

Diseases & Casualties	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	Novemr	December	Total
Killed or Murdered	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Locked Jaw	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	11
Lumber Abscess	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Marasmus	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	2	4	5	4	24
Measles	10	6	13	25	13	9	10	8	2	2	2	0	100
Mortification	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	13
Nervous Disease	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
Old Age	12	14	17	14	8	5	12	12	10	20	12	15	151
Palsy	5	3	1	4	4	1	2	5	2	4	4	5	40
Peripneumony	6	3	4	2	3	2	3	3	3	1	0	1	31
Pleurisy	2	5	3	9	2	1	0	0	5	2	2	3	24
Pneumonia Typhodes...	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Quinsy	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	2	4	0	15
Rheumatism	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rickets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rupture	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
Saint Anthony's fire....	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Schirrus of the Livre...	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
[55] Scrofula or King's Evil	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	0	2	0	15
Small Pox	43	61	69	72	49	34	12	7	5	13	16	13	394
Sore throat	1	0	0	3	2	1	1	1	1	3	6	2	21
Spasms	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	6
Spina Bifida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sprue	2	0	3	3	0	0	4	3	3	1	2	3	24
Still Born	25	19	22	27	19	27	21	23	15	20	15	17	250
Sudden death	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	8
Suicide	1	2	0	4	1	2	0	5	0	2	2	0	19
Syphilis	0	2	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	2	0	12
Tabes Mesenterica	17	11	12	6	12	5	9	15	18	9	7	9	120
Teething	3	5	1	3	1	3	6	10	7	5	0	2	46
Tumour	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vomiting blood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ulcer	2	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	11
Unknown	5	5	5	11	5	7	9	9	6	10	7	7	56
White Swelling	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Whooping Cough	11	26	12	9	6	6	10	8	8	9	7	4	116
Worms	2	2	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	13
Total.....	345	363	385	411	353	318	357	446	352	385	340	286	4341

Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

[56] The public Administrator presented a Report which was referred to the Finance Committee,

The Recorder presented the following Resolution

Resolved; That the police Committee be authorised to employ the District Attorney to revise the Criminal Laws and submit such amendments and alterations as his experience may suggest to the considerations of *of* the Gentlemen appointed by the State to revise the Laws—and if the Committee deem it expedient that they request the District Attorney to go to Albany for the purpose—which was referred to the Law Committee

The Recorder also presented the following

Resolved, That it be referred to a Committee to ascertain whether the N Battery be any longer required by the Gen[l] Government for the purposes of Defence, and if it be not, then, what measures ought to be adopted to obtain a Recession—Which was referred to the Committee on Lands and places

The Recorder also presented the following

Resolved, That it be referred to a Committee to inquire into the expediency [57] of vesting in the Corporation the exclusive right to introduce pure and wholesome water into the City—Which was referred to the Water Committee

The Recorder also, to ascertain the progressive increase of the City presented a resolution requesting the Master Builders to report the number of dwelling houses and Stores built by them during the Year 1824 which was referred to the Street Committee

Alderman Cowdrey presented a resolution for an Application to the Legislature for a Law directing all Loan Offices to cause all Mortgages taken by them to be recorded in the Register's Office and the Secretary of State to furnish each County with an Abstract of all conveyances and Mortgages as refer to Lands in each County—Which was referred to the Law Committee

M[r] Hone offered the following which was referred to the Watch Committee with powers

Resolved, That the Watch Committee be hereby authorised to cause a sufficient number of Hand biers to be constructed one of which shall be deposited in each of the Watch Houses for the purpose of removing [58] dead bodies or disabled persons who may be found in the Streets at night

M[r] St. John presented the following

Resolved, That the Committee of Public Lands and places be instructed to cause the Manure on the Battery and Park, to be spread

and the ground prepared and sowed with grass seed if they shall deem it necessary—which was adopted

Alderman Davis presented the following.

Resolved, That ——— be a Committee to consider and report on the propriety of petitioning the Legislature so to alter the Charter of the Savings Bank as to constitute the Mayor & Recorder for the time being Trustees of that Institution, and also so to amend the said Charter as to vest any surplus which may accrue to said Bank in consequence of unclaimed deposits, or Interest or otherwise, and that they confer with the Trustees of said Institution on the subject, which being read was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

[59] His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that agreeably to a late Law it was made the duty of the Common Council at some time in the Month of January to Appoint One person from each Ward of the City to constitute the Commiss^{rs} of the School Money

Upon Motion of Alderman Mann the Board proceeded to that duty when the following persons were appointed

First	Ward	Oliver H Hicks
Second	Do	Jacob Drake
Third	Do	John Adams
Fourth	Do	Hiram Ketchum
Fifth	Do	Gideon Tucker
Sixth	Do	Samuel Akerly
Seventh	Do	David Lyon
Eighth	Do	Peter H Wendover
Ninth	D^{o}	George S. Doughty
Tenth	Do	Joseph Piggot

And it was Resolved. that the consideration of the 4th Section of the Law of this State relating to Common Schools in the City of New York, passed 19th November 1824, be referred to the Committee on Laws

Alderman Mann agreeably to Notice of last Meeting moved that the Board now proceed to the Election of Mayor for the ensuing Year—The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative—His honor [60] the Mayor M^{r} Paulding requested that he might be permitted to leave the Chair which was agreed to and he accordingly retired from the Common Council Chamber. The Chair was then taken by the Recorder M^{r} Riker—M^{r} Bolton then moved that Tellers be appointed who with the President should Count the Ballots,

which was agreed to, and the president appointed Assistant Bolton of the first Ward and Mr Assistant Rathbone of the 10th Ward Tellers—The Board the[n] proceeded to Vote by Ballot for the Mayor—Upon Counting the Ballots it appeared that there were 20 Ballots which corresponding with the number of Members present, The President and Tellers proceeded to open them and upon counting them it appeared that William Paulding Junr had 19 Votes and Philip Hone One Vote—William Paulding Junr therefore was declared duly elected and it was Resolved, that Wm Paulding Junr be and he is hereby declared Mayor of the City of New York for One Year and until another shall be chosen and Sworn in his place

It was then moved that a Committee be appointed to wait upon Mr Paulding and inform him of his Election, and [61] that the Common Council were now in Session to receive him and before whom he might take the Oath of Office—This being agreed to the Recorder appointed Alderman Mann & Alderman Wyckoff a Committee to Wait upon the Mayor elect, who accordingly retired and in a short time returned with Mr Paulding and presented him to the President who having informed him of his election proceeded to administer to him the Oath of Office. this duty being performed the Recorder handed him to the Chair when the Mayor after returning his thanks to the Common Council for this renewed mark of their favour and their confidence, and expressing his acknowledgements for the friendly and efficient support which he had received from the members of the late Board in the discharge of his official duties, he assured the present Board that he would to the best of his abilities endeavour to discharge the duties of his office as most effectually to advance the interest of this great Metropolis

The Mayor then took his Seat and the following business was transacted

Alderman Mann observed that the Gentleman who now performed the duties of Counsel of this Board, performed these duties under a mere request of the Board until [62] another should be appointed to that Office. He moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment of a Counsel for the Corporation—Alderman Ireland presented a Resolution upon which no question was taken and the Board proceeded to ballot for a Counsel—Upon Counting the Ballots for a Counsel it appeared

Michael Ulshoeffer	had	18 Votes
James Kent	"	1 Vote
J O Hoffman	"	1 Vote

And there was One Blank—Whereupon Michael Ulshoeffer was declared duly elected and it was Resolved that Michael Ulshoeffer be and he is hereby appointed Counsel of the Corporation during their pleasure

Alderman Ireland then called for a decision on the Resolution prepared by him the same having been read was in the words following

"Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on public Offices to enquire into the expediency of uniting in One person the Office of Counsel and Attorney; and whether the public interest requires that the duties of these offices should be executed by One or by two persons; and that they report their Opinion thereon at the next [63] meeting of the Board

Alderman Mann moved that the consideration of the same be postponed. The question being taken thereon and a Division Called by Alderman Ireland the Members Voted as follows

Negative — Aldermen King — Ireland — Cowdrey — Wyckoff — Webb & Taylor—Messrs Bolton, St John—Hone—Agnew—Burtsell —11

Affirmative—Mr Recorder—Alderman Reed Mann — Davis — Ostrander—Messrs Hedden—Dunscombe—Schieffeline & Rathbone—9

So the question of postponements was lost.

A Motion was then made to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Public Offices

The question being taken thereon and the Ayes and Noes having been called by Mr Schieffeline, the Members Voted as follows. Viz.

Affirmative—Alderman. Wyckoff — King Ireland — Cowdrey — Webb & Taylor—Messrs. Bolton—St John—Hone—Agnew and Burtsell—11

Negative—Mr Recorder—Alderman Reed — Mann — Davis & Ostrander—Messrs Hedden, Dunscomb—Schieffeline [64] and Rathbone—9.

So the question of Reference was carried.

The Comptroller made the following Report—Viz.

Balance as per Acct 3d Inst	93.61
Recd for Tax of 1824. 2. 3. 4. 7. 10 Wards	10.650.
" Intestate Estates	4.179.91
" Streets	2.491.50
" Rents	2.145.

Recd for Fines &c of Attorney	750.30	
" Justices Courts	640.38	
" Fines &c of Sheriff	106.	
" Wells & pumps	100.	
" Mayoralty fees	89.25	
	21.245.95	
Deduct amount entered as a Loan 3d Inst. but not taken...	4.800.	
		16.445.95

66 Accounts Audited

Leek & Concklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d Do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d Do	645.75
R Graves. St Commr 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst	400.
Geo. B Smith Asst St Commr 1 Q Salary 15 In	337.50
John Sidell 1 Marshall 1 " 1 "	225.
S St. John Amount Advanced for Manure Carted on the park	20.15
[65] O Jaques St Inspecr 1 Ward 473 Loads Carted on the Battery	118.25
A Burtis Supert Alms House and Officers 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst	537.50
Jas Kent one half Arbitration fee, deciding Case of Hope Insurance Co	25.
Jas Renwick for Computing Life Interest sundry persons in Fly Market Stalls, 1796	25.
Ald Wyckoff attends issuing T & E Licenses 4 May 31 Dec	40.
" Bolton do do do do do	40.
" King do do do do do	36.
" St John do do do do do	36.
" Ireland do do do do do	36.
" Hone do do do do do	36.
" Seymour do do do do do	36.
" Cowdrey do do do do do	36.
" Zabriskie do do do do do	36.
" Burtsell do do do do do	36.
" Parker do do do do do	40.
" Conover do do do do do	40.
" Mann do do do do do	44.
" Cox do do do do do	44.
" Taylor do do do do do	40.
" Woodruff do do do do do	40.
" Doughty do do do do do	36.
" *Burtsell do do do do do*	*36.*
" Munson[66]do do do do do	40.
" Ostrander do do do do do	40.
G N Bleecker making Juror List & Tickets	150.

Ald Wyckoff for persons designating Jurors 1 Ward....	50.	
" King " " " 2 "	50.	
" Ireland " " " 3 "	50.	
" Cowdrey " " " 4 "	50.	
" Burtsell " " " 5 "	50.	
" Parker " " " 6 "	50.	
" Mann " " " 7 "	50.	
" Taylor " " " 8 "	50.	
" Sherman " " " 9 "	10.	
" Ostrander " " " 10 "	50.	
J Mapes Treasr Institution Deaf & Dumb 6 Months 13 Octor	200.	
R Provoost repairing Lamps 1 Mo 1 Ins.....	71.36	
S Gould & Son Laws of the State.....	39.87	
J Bailey Acct reg & pav Suffolk St from Delancy to Stanton	750.	
H. Smith Acct. reg & pav Beekman St from Pearl to Water	200.	
H Smith Acct. reg & pav Chrystie St from Delancy to Stanton	400.	
C. Mooney, Acct. reg & pav Essex St. from Rivington to Stanton	200.	
J Culbert. Bal. reg & pav. Bleecker & Herring St from Broadway to Carmine.....	101.87	
[67] C Mooney Bal. reg & repav Chatham St from Pearl to James St.....	66.66	
Thos R Ludlam Surveys &c 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	205.52	
E W Bridges " " "	177.50	
Daniel Ewen " " "	116.	
Isaac T Ludlam " " "	28.30	
S. Fargay repairing Intersections 1. 5. 7. 8 10 Wards.....	66.72	
R Ayres Earth at Intersection of Bleecker & Crosby Sts...	2.50	
Geo Charlton. Bal. Well. Norfolk near Rivington St.....	60.75	
R Pettigrew 1s paymt Well Bleecker St near Minetto Sewer	43.26	
J. P Roome Super Repairs for repairs.....	1299.	
J P Roome do for Shop in Public Yard.....	1047.	
J P Roome Super Repairs for Fire Department.....	500.	
J P Roome, Super Repairs for New Well in public Yard..	185.	
J P Roome Supt Repairs for pump Depart.....	158.	
A Burtis Supt Alms House for Working Convicts.....	1000.	
A Burtis Sup. A House for A House.....	4.300.	
Balance		$33.99

The Board then Adjourned

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[69] In Common Council January 31st 1825

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Wm Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Danl E Dunscomb
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffeline
Gideon Ostrander	Wm P Rathbone.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Rule which was laid for consideration was called up and read in the words following and was adopted.

His Honor the Mayor shall be a member of all Standing Committees; provided always, that it shall not be necessary for him to sign any report, and the Majority of the [70] members of any such committee, exclusive of the Mayor, shall be sufficient to pass a resolution.

A Petition that Pearl St. be widened between Old Slip and Coenties Slip—was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that Fourth Street be regulated and paved from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of several Owners of property on Sixth Avenue praying that the 6th Avenue may be opened and extended to 13th Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of L C & T Hammersley and others that Sloat Lane may at the expense of the proprietors of the adjacent Lots be straightened from the Westerly side of Lot No 123 to the Southwesterly Corner of the Store of Alexander M Muir was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from a number of Owners of Lots in Broad Street, praying that the Sewer in said Street may be extended [71] further up said Street, and that the Street may be raised—was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from the Merchants Exchange Company and Others who were Assessed for Opening and extending Garden Street, stating that from the Certificate of the Assessors it appears that their intention was to include the amount assessed as damage to the Revd David

S Bogart on the whole value of his Lot including the Buildings thereon; that the amount assessed for the Building should be for the benefit of the persons assessed for said improvement; but that by some error, a different construction has been given to their report and the amount has been claimed by said D S Bogart and the buildings have been sold and the amount with the assent of said D S Bogart have been paid into the City Treasury—they therefore pray that the sum so paid into the Treasury be applied under the direction of the St. Commis^{r} to making a Side walk in Garden Street—the same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of George Ferris Assignee of Lease of Lot N^{o} 22 at Peck Slip in the Second [72] Ward which Lease expires on the first of May next, praying a renewal of the Lease to him was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Elijah Raynor Assignee of Lot N^{o} 16 at Brooklyn requesting permission to assign the same to James Barr was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Richbill Mott was received Stating that he is Tenant of the apartments in the West wing of the Fulton Markets—that with the Approbation of the Chairman of the Finance Committee he has expended a considerable sum of Money in making improvements which were necessary for the accommodations of a family, & praying that the premises may be again rented to him or that he may be allowed a Compensation for his said expenditures; which being read was referred to the Market Committee—and it was Resolved that all the papers now in the possession of the Finance Committee which relate to the Fulton Market be referred to the Market Committee

[73] A Petition of John Arnod for the Appointment of Inspector of Street Manure was read and referred to the Committee on Application for Offices

A Petition from a number of Owners of Hackney Carriages praying, that, that part of the Law regulating Hackney Carriages which designates places at which Hackney Carriages may Stand waiting for employment, may be repealed was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Catharine Murray to be relieved from an Assessment of Tax on her personal property was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of John Benham for the Office of City Weigher was referred to the Committee on Application for Office

A Remonstrance from Sundry Owners of property in Skinner St.

against the petition for widening said Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the Trustees of the Free School Society was received Stating [74] that the Ground on which Free School N° 3 Stands has by mistake be[en] Assessed as belonging to Trinity Church and has been sold for the Nonpayment of the Tax so assessed, and praying relief—was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Arnout Brown Owner of Lot on North west side of Laurens Street between Prince and Houston Streets complaining that several Houses project in the Street to his injury and praying the Owners may be directed to put them back on the line of the Street—was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Jeremiah Vanderhoven was received stating that his father who was a Cartman has died & has left a Widow and five Children whose only means of support was his labor—that he has left a Horse and Cart and petitioner solicits he may receive a Lieense as a Cartman to enable him to support his Mother & the family—The same having been read was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

[75] A Petition of Jacob Rabbineau was received stating that at the solicitation of a number of the Citizens he was desirous of establishing an elegant Salt Water floating Bath to be stationed at the Battery between Castle Garden and Marketfield Street and requesting permission therefor—Which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips

A Petition of Rulef Duryee for Office of Inspector of Street Manure was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Memorial of James Beekman of the 9th Ward requesting permission to take Stones from the Highway for repairing the water courses on his premises was referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of Michael Floy to be permitted to remove a Building now standing on 8th Street to near 13th Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 9th Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition from William Darrow to remove a Building from Grand to Elizabeth St was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward & St Commissr with powers

[76] A petition of Thomas Walton late Captain of City Watch praying compensation for sundry expences incurred in the exercise of his duty as Captain of the Watch, was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of sundry Owners of Lots that Water St between Pike

& Rutgers Slip be regulated and a Curb Stone and Side Walk laid was referred to the Street Committee

A Memorial of Gideon Lee & others Inhabitants and Land holders in the 9th Ward was received stating—That memorialists have some years passed paid an assessment for opening the 8th Avenue—that said Avenue has been partially regulated and worked, but there is still left an impassible road of Two Miles, and they pray the said Avenue may be now completed—the same being read was referred to the Road Committee

A Memorial was received from Robert James Crommeline stating his Claim to an undivided moiety of the vacant Lot on the corner of Wall & Nassau Street and praying a reference [77] to a Committee to examine his title thereto Which was read and referred to the Counsel of the Board

A Petition was received stating that petitioner John Field is sub Lessee of certain premises owned by the Corporation situated at the corner of Chatham & Duane Street formerly leased to Susannah Bailey which lease expires on the first of May next—That there is a covenant in the Lease that upon Lessor & Lessee not agreeing as to the Rent on the expiration of the Lease the Buildings are to be valued and paid for by the Lessor—That petitioner is desirious of having a renewal of the Lease and prays three indifferent persons may be appointed to say at what Rent the Lease should be renewed to Petitioner for the term of 21 Years—The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to act in the premises

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants Venders and purchasers of Hay, requesting that a suitable Stand may be assigned for the Sale and purchase of Hay—was referred to the Committee on Lands and places

A Petition from Israel Corse & Son and Others praying that Cliff Street may be [78] extended and widened from Beekman Street to Frankfort Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from the Members of Fire Engine Hook & Ladder Co No 3—praying that some additional men may be added to the said Company, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Samuel Page and Others praying that the Slip as laid out on the Map of the City between Stanton & Rivington Streets be filled up, as there is not sufficient Water at that place to accommodate Vessels, Which was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers & Slips

A Petition of Henry Eckford and Others owners of property in the 7th & 10th Wards of the City praying that the portion of Ground lying between Scammel & Gouverneur Streets at the Intersection of Grand & Harman Streets and extending from Grand to Harman Streets be taken for the purpose of enlarging the Opening at that point & laid out as a public place or square—Which being read was [79] referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of George Rapalye for relief from Tax imposed on him in the 5 Ward was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Nathan Keeler for relief from personal Tax imposed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Benjamin Armitage and others was received stating that within the Block bounded by Maiden Lane Pearl St, Pine & William St, there is a large quantity of Land in an unimproved state which would be of great advantage to the City, if the same was brought into use—that this can only be done by opening Cedar St. from William to Pearl Street, and they request that the usual measures be taken for that purpose, which having been read was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Henry Lynch for relief from a Tax imposed on him, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Sampson Benson was received stating that a House belonging to him at [80] Haerlem and two Acres of Ground were assessed *assessed* in the name of his tenant Edward Vermilyea who neglected to pay the Tax assessed thereon, he therefore prays the Corporation will remit the expences of the 2nd Advertisement and Lease which have not accrued, amounting to Seven dollars which being read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition from the Foremen of the several classes of Licensed Cartman stating sundry grieviances which they labour under and praying redress was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of James Sargent to be appointed an Inspector of Firewood, was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Petition of Philip Hone for permission to set the curb Stone and regulate the Walk in front of his property on Fourth Street, between Broadway and Mercer Sts. under the direction of the proper Officers—was referred to the Street Committee

[81] A Petition of Wm A Hardenbrook for Office of Keeper of Potters field was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Owners and Occupants of property in the 7th 8th & 10th Wards for the suppression of Vice and immorality in the

vicinity of Corlears Hook, was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Samuel Edgar that a Cartman's License may be granted to him accompanied with a recommendation from the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of Albany, and from his Excellency De Witt Clinton Governor of the State, under the privy Seal of the State was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of Arthur Tappan & others owners and occupants of property in Pearl Street near Hanover Square was received stating that they understood there is a petition for widening Sloat Lane at Hanover Square—but concerning the improvement prayed for by the petition is not sufficiently extensive—they pray it may be so widened as the Corporation may see fit to direct—Which being read was referred to the Street Committee

[82] A Communication was received from the Clerk of the Justices Court of the 4th & 6 Wards stating that the Lease for the Court room expires on the first day of May next—Whereupon the same was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 4th & 6th Wards with authority

A proposal of Peter Smith to contract for digging and regulating Montgomery St. from Harmon to Lombardy St. was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Thomas Knox to be relieved from a Tax on his personal property the same having been assessed in the Monied Institutions of the City accompanied with a Certificate from the Assessors to that effect was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A petition of David Lydig to be permitted to commute for the Rent reserved on a Grant to him dated 14th November 1804 for a Water Lot lying between Front Street and South Street in the 4th Ward, Was referred to the Finance Committee

[83] A Petition from the Managers of the New York Mechanic & Scientific Institution was received stating—That the *C* [efforts] which have been made under the patronage of the Institution, whose object has been to diffuse knowledge to Mechanics and Apprentices through the medium of Lectures—and experiments upon different branches of Mechanical and Chemical Philosophy and by stimulating ingenuity, taste, and enterprise by Fairs for the exhibition of domestic fabrics have been attended by satisfactory results and have gained for the Institution no inconsiderable share of popular favour—that their example has been followed in Philadelphia & in the Cities of London and Glasgow and most of the large Towns in England and Scotland—But without a Building respectable in its appearance and adapted by

its structure to the wants of the Society, its success they are persuaded must be precarious—They therefore have turned their attention to a plan suitable for their purposes and they think that the portion of Ground of the Arsenal which has been cut off by the continuance of White Street from the Main Lot on which the Buildings Stand, would answer their views This ground they understand is no longer [84] essential to the purposes for which it was granted, and upon being relinquished by the State will again revert to the Corporation—They therefore pray that on the same being relinquished by the State, it may be granted in perpetuity to the New York Mechanic & Scientific Institution—The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Joseph O Bogart to be relieved from a demand against him for Cellar rent in Fulton Market was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Enos Baldwin for permission to erect an Iron railing at the end of his House corner of Broome and Orange Streets, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward with powers

The Market Committee on the subject of the vacant ground adjoining to Essex Market presented the following Report. Viz

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution in relation to leasing the vacant [85] ground in the rear of Essex Market—beg leave respectfully to report. That under the authority of the Board the Market Committee formerly purchased a piece of ground fronting on Grand Street and extending from Essex to Ludlow Street, 175 feet on Grand Street and 87 feet 6 Inches in depth, for the purpose of erecting a new Market to supply the place of one which stood in and obstructed Grand Street.

It was the intention of the Committee after erecting the New Market, and leaving what they then considered a sufficient space of circumjacent ground, to lease the lots in the rear of the Market, with a reasonable expectation that the annual rent would exceed the Interest on the whole cost of the ground and improvements, in pursuance of this determination, a small, but handsome and commodious Market House, has been erected in the centre of the Ground, fronting on Grand Street and eight lots have been reserved in the rear, each of which (by a plan herewith submitted) is intended to be 37 feet 6 Inches in depth—There is no doubt in the opinion of your Committee, that in the event of these Lots being leased, according to the original plan, the expectations of the Committee would be fully realized, [86] but it is now believed that the encrease of population in that part of our

City requires additional accommodation and perhaps and extension of the Market may soon become necessary. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the space in the rear of the Market as laid down in the present plan is insufficient and should be encreased from 22 feet to 34 feet 6 Inches, leaving two Lots fronting on Essex and Ludlow Streets each 25 feet by 87 feet 6 Inches, Which two lots your Committee recommend should be sold forthwith, this course is recommended in the firm belief that the Lots will produce a sum sufficient to reimburse the whole cost of the Ground and improvements—Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that two Lots of ground fronting on Essex and Ludlow Streets each 25 feet front and rear, and 87 feet 6 Inches in depth, be sold at Public Auction under direction of the Market Committee, and that the residue of the Ground owned by the Corporation adjacent to Essex Market be left open for the accommodation of the [87] Market.

Philip Hone
Thos Bolton
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Mathew Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices on the petition of Geo. Harsen, John Covert Wm Van Wart, John Smith and Abraham Van Osdal to be reinstated in their Offices reported as follows.

The Committee on public Offices to whom were referred the several petitions of George Harsen, late a Measurer of Grain, John Covert, William Van Wart, John Smith and Abraham Van Osdol late Inspectors of fire Wood, Augustus Van Horn & Eleazor Jones late City Weighers—Report, that it was not their intentions by their late report limiting the number of Offices under the Common Council to exclude any who then actually held, and exercised the duties of such Offices. (except in particular cases) Altho. they might not have reported themselves and taken the requisite Oath of Office by the time limited; presuming that there might be cases where such neglect might be satisfactorily [88] explained. Such is the situation of the petitioners some were prevented from reporting by sickness others never heard of the requisition until after the time had elapsed. Under these circumstances your Committee deem it expedient that they should be reinstated, without intending to vary in the least degree from the

principles of their former Report, and accordingly they offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that Augustus Van Horn & Eleazor Jones be appointed City Weighers George Harsen be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain and that John Covert, William Van Wart, John Smith and Abraham Van Osdal, be, and they are hereby appointed Inspectors of fire Wood for the respective districts which they lately held.

All which is respectfully submitted

Elisha W King
Jameson Cox
(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] St John
Sam[l] Cowdrey

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

(*Report of Market Committee on Petition of Blaze Ten Brook see page 118)

[89] The Committee on public Offices to whom was referred to enquire into the expediency of uniting in One person the Offices of Counsel and Attorney to the Common Council presented the following Report.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred to inquire into the expediency of uniting in One person the Offices of Attorney and Counsel, to the Common Council,

Report, That they have bestowed upon the subject committed to them, that consideration which its importance seemed to require, The Municipal concerns of this City many years since had become so extensive and important that it was deemed necessary to constitute a legal adviser; since that time those concerns have increased in the same ratio as our population and Wealth, until the Office of Counsel has become the most laborious and responsible of any under the Common Council, his compensation ought therefore in the Opinion of your Committee to be ample

The Office of Attorney however is widely different, his duties are chiefly confined to the smaller Courts in the enforcement of the penal ordinances for minor offences, and from its nature can never become very popular.

The Chief inducement therefore to hold [90] that Office must necessarily be its emoluments, and experience has shewn that those Emoluments may be increased or diminished according to the cupidity of the incumbent.

From these considerations Your Committee are induced to recommend that those two Offices be united in one person, under a belief that the highly respectable situation of the Counsel will be a guarantee for the faithful discharge of the duties appertaining to the department of the Attorney and that the public good will thereby be promoted. From general opinion your Committee were led to believe that the emoluments of those Offices united were very considerable, and have accordingly enquired into it with a view to a reduction if practicable. But upon investigation it appears that the average annual profits to the present incumbent have not exceeded two thousand dollars after making reasonable allowances for Clerk hire, Office rent, and occasional assistance; which amount, in the Opinion of your Committee ought not to be reduced, There is also one other consideration 'tho of minor importance [91] which ought not to be left unnoticed. Whilst these two Offices were seperated the Counsel received a Salary of Four hundred dollars, which was but reasonable, and in case of separation ought again to be allowed—By the plan proposed this amount may be saved, the profits of the Attorney's business being considered an equivalent. In accordance with the principles of this report, Your Committee beg leave to Offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the Offices of Counsel and Attorney to the Common Council be united in One and the same person. And that no One shall hold those Offices who shall not be of the degree of a Counsellor of the Supreme Court of at least two Years Standing

.. All which is respectfully submitted by

Elisha W King
Jameson Cox
(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] Cowdrey
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

]92] The Committee on Public Offices on the petition of dealers in Weights & Measures that an additional Sealer be appointed, reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of John V Graham and others dealers in Weights and Measures praying that an Additional Sealer of Weights and measures may be appointed.

Report, that it appears as well from the said petition as otherwise, to the entire satisfaction of your Committee, that an additional Sealer

of Weights & Measures has become necessary not only for the convenience of those who vend those articles but to a large portion of our citizens who use them

One reason among various others urged by the petitioners is; that whilst there is but one sealer his residence must necessarily be remote from a great part of those who have occasion to apply to him, and in case of his sickness, absence, or occupation in other business, they must necessarily experience great delay and inconvenience, This reason among others your [93] Committee deem conclusive and finding by a Law of the State, passed the Twenty fifth day of March 1821— that the Common Council have the power to appoint " as many Sealers of weights and measures as they may deem proper (Laws of New York Vol 5, page 180, Sec 4.) your Committee feel no hesitation in recommending that one additional Sealer be appointed. Altho' the petitions of two Candidates for the Office have been referred to your Committee yet believing that the object of the reference was rather with a view that this Committee should enquire into the expediency of the measure, than the fitness of the Candidates, they have therefore purposely abstained from recommending either Candidate to the prejudice of the other, They have nevertheless investigated the Characters and Capacity of both, and are well satisfied that either will discharge the duties of the Office to the entire satisfaction of the public. With these remarks Your Committee submit the following resolution

Resolved, That there shall be one additional Sealer of Weights and Measures appointed in and for the City and County of New York who shall keep an Office in such part of the City as the Mayor thereof for the time being shall designate

[94] All of which is respectfully submitted by

(Signed) Elisha W King
Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor
Saml Cowdrey
Saml St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Comptrollers Report and Estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures of the current year presented the following which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The finance Committee, to whom was referred the Comptrollers Annual Communication, and estimates of receipts and expenditures for the year, beg leave to report, That after examining the same, they are of the opinion that it will be necessary to apply to the Legislature for authority to raise the sum of $300.000, being the same amount authorised to be raised by the act of the last year. This estimate includes all the necessary improvements for the year—Your Committee think, that it will not be necessary to raise any further sum [95] for the Battery improvement, and therefore the Tax for the next year will be $25.000 less than for the present—Your Committee offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel of the Board prepare a proper Memorial to the Legislature and drafts of a Law, for the Annual Tax Law agreeably to this Report, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to authenticate the same during the recess of the Board, and forward the same to Albany

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

The Street Committee on the petition of Henry J Wyckoff for permission to place his Building on Broad Street so as to form a line with the Buildings already erected reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry J Wyckoff for permission to place his buildings about to be erected on Broad Street, so as to form a line with the buildings already erected on that Street

[96] Report that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted, as thereby a uniformity would be produced in the line of buildings on the Street, and no possible injury would result to the public—they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that the request of the petitioner be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Saml St John
(Signed) Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition of J. S. Crary to place an Iron railing across the end of his house reported in favour as follows

The Street Committee report on the petition of John S Crary for permission to erect an Iron railing along the end of his House, corner of Broadway & Franklin Street, that they can see no objections to granting his request—and therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the request of the [97] Petitioner be granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] St John
(Signed) Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for opening Sixth Street from Broadway to Christopher St. reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Owners of the property on Sixth Street, praying that, that Street may be opened and extended from Broadway to Christopher Street—Report, that the interest of individuals, and public convenience require that their request should be granted—and also in conjunction with the opening of Sixth Street, it will be necessary and proper that Art Street, & Greenwich Lane should be closed from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue—Accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved, that Sixth Street be Opened and extended from Broadway [98] to Christopher Street;

Resolved, that so much of Art Street and Greenwich Lane as lies between Broad Way and the Sixth Avenue be closed

Resolved, that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for carrying the foregoing resolutions into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] St John
(Signed) Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Special Committee consisting of the Aldermen & Assistants of the 8[th] & 9[th] Wards to whom was referred the petition on the subject of Pottersfield and praying that Interments may no longer be permitted therein presented the following Report.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th & 9th Wards to whom was referred the memorial of the Owners and Occupants of property in the vicinity of Pottersfield requesting that Interments may be discontinued at that place, and that a suitable [99] Scite may be assigned for that purpose more remote from the improving & inhabited parts of the City—Report, that they have given the subject all the attention which its importance so justly demands—and are of the Opinion that the time has arrived when interments should be interdicted in a part of Our City so rapidly improving as that in the vicinity of the present Pottersfield. and that suitable & proper grounds should be located upon [premises] farther removed from the inhabited parts of this growing Metropolis—In prosecuting the duties Assigned them, Your Committee have fixed on a piece of Ground belonging to this Corporation, every way suited both as to soil and distance, for a public Cemetary or Pottersfield—the ground has been lately improved by the Commissioners of the Alms-house and is enclosed by a strong Stone Wall, the distance from the City Hall not exceeding three and an half miles, and not more than One and an half miles from the Alms House or the State prison—it is of easy access, being situate between the third and fourth Avenues, and between the 48th & 50th Streets, and can be approached from either the 3d or the 5th Avenues, and will require no [100] preparation for its immediate occupancy than that of a small tenement as a residence for the Keeper, presuming that a further description is unnecessary, Your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved, that the grounds described in the foregoing report, be, and the Same is hereby assigned and set apart as a Pottersfield or public Burying ground

Resolved, that all interments shall cease to be made in the present Pottersfield from and after the first day of May next

Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs be, and he is hereby directed to cause a suitable building to be erected on the Grounds designated for a new Pottersfield, for the use of the Keeper thereof

Resolved that the grounds now occupied as a Pottersfield be filled up and regulated as soon as interments shall cease to be made therein

Jacob B Taylor
Wm A Davis
D E Dunscomb
Effingham Schieffeline

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

[101] And it was referred to the Committee on Lands and places to cause a suitable house to be erected for the Keeper, and have the place properly enclosed in fence and put in proper order

The Committee on Laws on the subject of the Letter of John Woodward Esq^{r} respecting the deficiencies of the Jury List presented the following Report.

The Committee on Laws, to whom the annexed communication of John Woodward Esqr Clerk of the City and County of New York, Setting forth the defects in the late returns of Jury lists made to him, and also the defects in the law relating to the obtaining of Jury lists, & the drawing of Jury ballots, as applicable to the City and County of New York, was referred, Report, That they have given to these subjects, that deliberate and careful attention, which their importance demands. The result is a conviction that the defects pointed out by M^{r} Woodward, do exist. To obviate the imperfections in this law, and the practice under it, the Committee are of Opinion with M^{r} Woodward, that considering the constantly varying, and increasing state of the population of this City, and the difference in this, and other particulars, between this City, [102] and other parts of the State, it would be advisable to apply to the Legislature, for a Law authorizing this Board, to provide for the taking of Jury lists for the City and County of New York, and for an amendment of the 11th Sect. of the said Law, so as to make the same applicable, in its material provisions, to the City and County of New York

To effect these objects the Committee have prepared the Draft of a Bill to be submitted to the Legislature, should the Board approve of the same, which they lay herewith before the Common Council

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) S Cowdrey
E W King
Tho^{s} Bolton

Whereupon the said Report was accepted, and the Bill to be enacted into a Law was approved and the Counsel directed to prepare a suitable Memorial to the Legislature, which was directed to be authenticated during the recess of the Board and that together with the Law to be transmitted to the Legislature

[103] The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the representation of the Fire Department on the subject

of storing and transporting Gunpowder presented a report accompanied by a Bill to be erected into a Law and also an Ordinance to be passed by the Corporation—Which was severally read and referred to the Law Committee

The Police Committee on the Petition of Capt Smith for relief from penalties incurred by landing an Alien Passenger Reported in his favour as follows. Viz

The Police Committee to whom the annexed Petition of Andrew Smith Master of the Ship Montano was referred, Respectfully Report.

That the petitioner states, that he arrived at the port of New York from Havre in France in the fall of 1823 with some passengers, who were regularly reported at the Mayor's Office and Bonds were entered into according to Law. That besides those reported as above mentioned, there was a person on Board who had paid a Small Sum, and performed the duty of under Steward, as an equivalent for his passage. This last mentioned person was not reported as the other passengers were; and [104] sometime after he became a charge upon the City—The Commissioners of the Alms House having discovered that said last mentioned passenger had not been reported, ordered the petitioner to be prosecuted for two penalties—One of $75 for neglecting to report said person and the other of $500 for permitting him to land without first giving the Bond required by the Act. entitled an Act to reduce the several Laws relating to the City of New York into one Act.

From the evidence produced to the Committee it appears that the person who has now become a Charge to the City, was not one of the Crew of said Ship & the circumstance of his acting as under Steward in part payment of his passage did not justify the Captain in neglecting to report him with the other passengers, and to enter into the Bond as required by the Act—But inasmuch as it has satisfactorily appeared to Your Committee, and also to the Commissioners of the Alms House (who have been consulted with on this subject) that there was not any intention on the part of Capt Smith either to violate or evade the Law, and as he has offered to pay [105] all the costs and expences which have been incurred for the maintenance and support of said passenger since he became chargeable to the City, and to take him back to France, Your Committee think they may recommend that relief be granted in this Instance, and they beg leave to offer the following Resolutions

Resolved, that the petitioner be relieved from the penalties incurred on his complying with the Offers made in the annexed petition, and paying Costs

Resolved, that a Copy of this Report be sent to the Commissioners of the Alms House by the Clerk of this Board.

(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Sam[l] St John
Sam[l] Cowdrey
J Hedden

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Police Committee on the petition of John J Groshon, Henry Camerden and William Welsh for remission of fines incurred reported favourably as follows. Viz

The Police Committee to whom the annexed petitions of John P Groshon, Henry Camerden and William Welsh were referred, praying for a remission of the penalty incurred for [106] a violation of the Ordinance of this Board regulating the raising and lowering of Merchandize within the Lamp and Watch district. Respectfully Report.

That they are of the Opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted provided they cause their respective Stores to be altered, and the fall to be carried inside. They beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted on the above conditions, and on payment of Costs

(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Sam[l] St John
S Cowdrey
J Hedden
W[m] A Davis

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Repairs and the Comptroller presented the following Report on the Accounts of Jacob P Roome Super[t] of Repairs which was directed to be filed.

The Committee of Repairs and the Comptroller respectfully Report, that they have examined the Accounts of Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs, [107] from 7 July 1824 to 7 January 1825; and find that he has received by Warrants from the Corporation $23.469.30

Sundry Articles sold by him	$296.79
Balance due Corporation July 7. 1824	5.36
	$23.771.45
He has paid, agreeably to vouchers examined by the Commee of Repairs	23.717.11
Balance due Corporan 7 Jany 1825	$54.34

(Signed) G Ostrander
J Webb
J Cox
G N Bleecker Compr

The following were appointed Engineers & Firemen upon the Report of the Chief Engineer

Engineers

George Vaughn Butcher 496 Greenwich St
Vice Thomas Franklin Resigned

Edward Arrowsmith Sail Maker, 67 Orange St.
Vice James W Dominick Resigned

Fire Engine Co 2

Samuel Johnston Dyer. Cor. of Rivington & Forsyth
Vice Joshua Warren Resigned

Fire Engine Co 5.

Silas Butler Accountant 311 Cliff St
Vice Saml J Willis Resigned

[108] Fire Engine Co No 13

Henry W Barnes, Boat Builder Lombardy St
Vice B M Underhill Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 37

Joseph Welsh Ship Joiner 48 Hester St
Vice Oliver T. Scribner Resigned

John Montanye Carpenter 154 Ludlow St
Vice Henry A Rogers Resigned

The following Resolution was presented and adopted—Viz

Resolved, that it is desirable for the public convenience to straighten and widen Pearl Street on the No[r]therly side thereof at Counties Alley, in the first Ward of the City of New York, agreeably to a Map of said improvement surveyed December 24th 1824. by

Edward Doughty, City Surveyor, and now on file in the Street Commissioners Office; and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done; and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and Assessment in order that the same may be carried into effect according to the provisions of the Acts in such case made and provided

[109] The Counsel presented a petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners on the application for the intended improvement in Pearl Street at Coenties Alley which petition was directed to be duly authenticated

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for paving Chrystie St. from Delancy to Stanton St. Whereupon a warrant was directed to issue to Morris D^e^Camp to collect the same

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for Well and pump in Bleecker Street near Minetto Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, viz.

N°	1	H & J F Jackson	Owners	N°	1	Burling Slip	A privy
	2	Do	do		3	do	"
	3	D. *Hollace* [Hollis]	Owner		58	Cedar St	"
	4	J^s^ Kelly	Lessee		61	do	"
	5	A. Arden	Owner		64	do	"
	6	A. Labagh	do		68	do	"
	7	[110] Estate of Allison	do		71	"	"
	8	do	do		75	"	"
	9	G Post	do		58	Fulton St	"
	10	do	do		60	"	"
	11	G Payer	do		79	"	"
	12	J Carlton	do		82	"	"
	13	W & J S Bruen	do		87	"	"
	14	H & F Frasse	do		91	"	"
	15	M^r^ Staple	do		111	"	"
	16	N R Philips	do		112	"	"
	17	S Norsworthy	do		135	"	"
	18	do	do		137	"	"
	19	P H Hegerman	do		141	"	"
	20	M^r^ Dempsy	do		198	Greenwich St	"
	21	R^d^ Kirby	do		209½	"	"

22	Wm Ovington	Owner	222	Greenwich St	A privy
23	Wm Barnes	do	224	"	"
24	Wm Robinson	do	226	"	"
25	Wm Selby	do	238	"	"
26	Saml Cassidy	do	244	"	"
27	do	do	246	"	"
28	Wm McClusky	do	248	"	"
29	Abm Vanness	do	260	"	"
30	R Prout	do	288	"	"
31	Wm Marshall	do	292	"	"
32	B. Barker	do	294	"	"
33	Josiah Concklin	do	308	"	"
34	Abrm Van Ness	Agent	318	"	"
35	Js Chesterman	Owner	25	John St.	"
36	[111] P A Allaire	do	31	do	"
37	Abrm Bloodgood	Trustee	35	do	"
38	W & G Post	Owners	76	do	"
39	M *Grygier* [Cregier]	Owner	33	Liberty St.	"
40	Abrm Gordon	Agent	53	do	"
41	G Haight	Owner	90	do	"
42	do	do	92	do	"
43	Abrm Labagh	do	113	do	"
44	W Vanalstine	do	115	do	"
45	M Lewis	do	42	Maiden Lane	"
46	do	do	44	do	"
47	W McLeod	do	48	do	"
48	Montgomery & Livingston	Owners	78	do	"
49	G P Gratacop	Owner	82	do	"
50	Joel Post	do	118	do	"
51	do	do	120	do	"
52	J Heaton	do	150	do	"
53	J McClennan	do	152	do	"
54	Mrs Rhodes	do	154	do	"
55	do	do	156	do	"
56	Mrs Byrons Estate	do	158	do	"
57	do	do	160	do	"
58	Hy Walton	do	164	do	"
59	J G Dyckman	do	21	Thames St	"
60	Jane Riddell	do	5	do	"
61	J B Thorpe	do	14	do	"
62	J Hancock	do	15	do	"
63	J G Dyckman	Agent	19	do	"
64	Wm Rhinelander	Owner	52	Robinson St	"
65	[112] Chs Heeney	Executor	323	Pearl St	"
66	Wm Shaw	Owner	No	Fourth St	A Lot

Geo Cuming City Inspecr

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved, that Minetto Street be regulated from Bleecker Street to M^cDougall St.

The Recorder presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favour of the Chairman of the Committee appointed for the reception and Entertainment of Gen^l La Fayette for Two Hundred and fifty dollars

M^r Hone tendered a Resolution on subject of offering a Room for the meeting of the Court of Errors, which was laid for consideration

M^r Hone also presented the following which was adopted

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed to report a Warrant in favour of the Rev John Stanford for the Three hundred dollars as a compensation for his services during the last Year as Chaplain of the [113] Establishment at Bellevue &c

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Offices be authorised to publish in pamphlet form the Communication lately made to this Board by the Rev^d John Stanford

The Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the subject of amendments to the Law regulating the collection of Taxes which was laid for consideration, was called up and referred back to the Committee on Application to the Legislature

The Petition of the Assessors of the Several Wards in relation to their compensation, which was laid for consideration, was called up and referred to the finance Committee.

Alderman King presented the following

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance to consider whether any & what alterations ought to be made in the compensation allowed to the Assessors

Alderman King presented the following Resolution which was adopted viz.

Resolved, That the Compensation of One Hundred dollars per annum now paid [114] by this Corporation to the proprietors of sundry News papers be discontinued and that an allowance of Seventy five dollars per Annum be paid to the proprietors of each of the Daily News papers printed in this City who shall duly publish the Laws and Official Notices of this Corporation—Provided the said proprietors shall signify their acceptance in writing of the said allowance to the Clerk of the Board in twenty days after publication of this Resolution

The Comptroller made the following Report, viz.

Balance as per Account 17 Inst	$33.99	
Recd for Taxes of 1824. 3. 4. 5. 6. 8 Wds	9800.	
" " Streets	3119.96	
" " Rents	2031.43	
" " Wells & pumps	229.78	
" " Board of Health. bal of late Treas	212.79	
" " Mayoralty fees	51.25	
Loan of J Fleming, from Amount of Tax paid by Incorporated Companies. without Interest on account	26.400.	
		41.879.20

74 Accounts Audited

Leek & Concklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75	
Hibberd & Clark " 2d "	666.75	
[115] Bleakley & Brower Watch 3 dist	645.75	
Wm Shepherd for injury received while acting as a Watchman	45.	
Wm Paulding Junr Mayor 1 Qr Salary 26 Inst	750.	
J Morton Clerk C Council 1 Qr do 1 Feb	500.	
O. Ayres Asst City Inspecr 1 Mo do do	45.50	
J. Coffin do do 1 Mo do do	45.50	
Astin & Higbie Messengers do do do	52.	
C Gilman Keeper of Battery do do do	31.	
A McCready do Park do do do	31.	
O Jaques Street Inspector do do do	34.87	
J Wright do do do do	34.87	
T Jeroleman do do do do	34.87	
N B Lyon do do do do	34.87	
A Ackerman do do do do	34.87	
W Kerr do do do do	34.87	
B Fuller do do do do	34.87	
S Hutchings do do do do	34.87	
D Hubbard do do do do	34.87	
J Morton. Clerk C. C. for sundry Accts H Hire &c	55.81	
S. St John Amt paid Carting Manure on Park	52.49	
Geo Duryea Clerk Fulton Market 1 Mo 1 Feb	41.67	
Isaac Astin Sweeper do 1 do	38.59	
B. Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo do	45.50	
J Pinckney do do 1 Mo do	45.50	
P H Wendover Sheriff for Officers attending Courts 1 Qr 1 Febry	1091.25	
[116] S Montgomery for Officers serving Subpoenas 1 Qr 1 Febry	180.25	
J Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Feb..	400.	
E. Morrill do 4. 6 do do do ..	400.	
H Meigs do 5. 8 do do do ..	400.	
D M Cowdrey Clerk 1. 2. 3 do do do ..	187.50	
G Betts do 4. 6 do do do ..	187.50	
J Campbell do 5. 8 do do do ..	187.50	

B. Prince Public Admin^{r} for Rob^{t} Robertson Estate Credited in Error Jan^{y} 10. 1825	20.83
N York Statesman, Advertising	20.50
G Snethen Light^{s} Lamps 1 Mo 1 Febry	771.98
N. Comstock for 11 Casks Oil	609.50
R Provoost repairing Lamps 1 Mo 1 Feb	120.40
J Van Duzer Work at Lamps 1 Qr do	48.15
David S Bogart Award for Open^{g} Garden St &c	15.000.
Sam^{l} Campbell do do	8.000.
Merc^{ts} Exchange C^{o} do do	1.500.
Estate Henry A Coster do do	1000.
Cornelius Ray do do	200.
H Smith Bal reg & pav Beekman st. from Pearl to Water street	307.32
H Smith Acct reg & pav Chrystie St. from Delancy to Stanton	300.
J McQueen Acct. reg. Christopher & other Streets at Greenwich	250.
[117] J Bailey Acct. reg & pav. Suffolk St. from Delancy to Stanton	200.
H Smith Acct. Cross Walks 3^{d} Ward	200.
J. Culbert bal. reg & pav Wooster St from Canal to Broome	194.10
R. Pettigrew Acct. reg & pav Washington St. from Beaver Lane to Marketfield St	150.
H Smith bal. reg & repav Peck Slip between Front and Water Street	80.12
C Mooney bal. reg & pav Essex St. from Rivington to Stanton Street	52.44
W^{m} Gee. posting Bills	12.50
Francis P Vidall Surveys &c to 1 Inst	9.
J McComb. repairing Sewers & Intersections 1st Ward	48.84
M DeCamp Corpora^{n} Asses^{r} pav Chrystie St. from Delancy to Stanton St	20.84
H Smith for the head of *Stip* [Slip] Broome St. East river	15.73
J Gallagher 1^{s} payment Well, Attorney St near Delancey St	51.
A H Mooney bal Well. Elizabeth St. near Spring Street	41.
G. Charlton 1st payment Well. Amity St near 6th Avenue	40.37
Ja^{s} Thompson part Expences on 2 Lots sold for Taxes and redeemed	7.
[118] John Mann Jun^{r} Expences on 2 Lots sold for Taxes & redeemed	7.
Nich^{s} Low part Expences Lot on Bedford St. sold for Taxes & redeemed	7.
G Lovett 3^{d} paym^{t} build^{g} Pier foot Chamber st	1.872.50
Masterton & Smith Extra Cut Stone work for Fever Hospital	235.69
R Graves St. Commissioner for repairs Roads	400.
Lindley Murray Treas^{r} City Dispensary	500.

J P. Roome	Supert Repairs, for	Repairs Docks & Slips....	1643.	
J P Roome	Supert Repairs for	Repairs.....	260.	
J P Roome	do do	Fire Depat	200.	
J P Roome	do do	Lamps	115.	
J P Roome	do do	Pump Dept	50.	
		Balance		$

The Board adjourned.

* The Market Committee on the Petition of Blaze Ten Brook for stall N° 4 Centre Market reported in favor as follows

The Market Committee beg leave respectfully to Report. That they have examined the annexed application of Blaze Ten Brook for the Stand N° 4 Centre Market and Francis O Neils [119] relinquishment of the same and beg leave to recommend for adoption the following Resolution

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to Blaze Ten Brook for the Stand N° 4 Centre Market

Philip Hone
Thos Bolton
Signed Wm H Ireland
Mtt Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[120] In Common Council February 14th 1825

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President
Richd Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John,
Wm H Ireland	John Agnew
Saml Cowdrey	Wm Burtsell
John Webb	Jameson Cox
Matthew Reed	Danl E Dunscomb
Asa Mann	Wm P Rathbone
Jacob B Taylor	
William A David	
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Letter was received from Chs H Hall requesting an application may be made to the Legislature for an alteration in the health Law

* Note reads *see page 88.*—Ed.

so as to leave it at the discretion of the Health Officer to permit Vessels direct from China and having had no sickness on Board to come up immediately to the [121] City without a Quarantine of two days as now required by the Law—which being read was referred to the Committee on Application to the Legislature.

A Petition of Peter Fenton was received stating that he is owners of Lots in the 5th Ward between Canal and Watts Street, five fronting on the East side and five on the West side of Washington Street subject to a Quit rent, and he prays the lots fronting on Easterly side of Washington Street may be discharged from the Rent reserved & the whole rent laid on the Lots on the Westerly side of Washington Street—the same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of James Scott for permission to assign the Lease of Lot N° 137 Common Lands to Saml D Craig was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the Owners of the Steam Boat United States soliciting a renewal to them of the Lease of the Pier in Fly Market Slip which they now occupy—was referred to Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Petition of Wm M Summers that the Cast Iron Mile marks by him invented may [122] be placed on the Roads under the direction & authority of the Common Council—was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Daniel O'Brian for relief from a fine for selling liquor without License was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition that fifth Street may be opened and regulated between Broadway and the Bowery was referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance from the Trustees of the Scotch Presbyterian Church against the proposed opening of Cedar Street & extending it to Pearl Street—was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Gardner & others Inhabitants of the 7th Ward praying that the Improvement proposed of forming a public place or park at Corlaers Hook may be carried into effect, provided the expence of the same be borne by the City generally—was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John Baily for a contract to dig out Bancker Street from Montgomery to Banker St, was referred to the Street Committee.

[123] A petition of Scott & Francis Ficket for a water grant on the

East river in the 7th Ward agreeably to a Map with said petition presented—was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance from several owners of Real Estate in Pearl Street, between Old and Coenties Slip against the proposed straightening and widening Pearl St. between those Slips was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the President & Directors of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company was received stating that the Slip at the foot of Grand Street used as the Ferry to Williamsburgh required to be filled in, as there was not a sufficient quantity of Water in it and at low tide was offensive and praying the same may be filled in—which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

A Petition of Nathan Sayres for Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of sundry Hay Cartman praying that certain regulations proposed [124] by them for the regulating of the Hay Cartmen may be adopted, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers & Slips.

A Petition *that* [of] Richard Ward proposing to the Corporation the employment of piles invented by him for constructing Bulk-heads. & also soliciting the use of one of the Public Slips for the construction of a Dry Dock was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers & Slips.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the petition for extending the Sewer in Broad Street, was referred to the Street Commee

A Petition from the Master Stone & Marble Cutters was received stating that in their opinion it would be very advantageous to them and to their employers to have a Sworn measurer appointed of Cut Stone and marble work, and requesting such a person may be appointed, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of George Loft stating that he was on the 22d November last appointed a Member of Fire Engine No 30 but that the Clerk through mistake returned him to the Corporation by the name of John [125] and praying the mistake may be corrected—Was read and it was Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council correct Said mistake on the minutes of the Board.

A Petition of David Robertson praying that satisfaction may be entered on a Judgement against him and Wm H Hardenbrook which judgement he has paid & discharged was read and Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to execute the necessary satisfaction piece

A Petition of Martha & Mary Clements for relief from a personal Tax assessed on them, was referred to the Committee on Assessment.

A Petiton of Henry A Fay & others owners of Lots in the 8th Ward on & near Greene, Wooster & Amity Streets was received stating that they sometime since purchased lots bounding on said Streets supposing them to have been Streets regularly ceded, but they find they were not ceded and the persons from whom they purchased have lately on the opening of the said Streets claimed for themselves alone the whole amount of damages assessed, in which petitioners should have participated, & praying relief. which being read was referred to the Commee on Assessmt

[126] The Mayor as President of the Trustees of the Sailor's Snug Harbour presented the Annual Report of the Funds and Annual Income of that Institution as directed by Law—Which was ordered to be filed

A Letter to the Mayor from the Hon. Cadwallader D Colden of the Senate of this State dated 3rd February Inst. was read wherein Mr Colden informed, that a Law had passed authorising the Court of Errors to hold an extra Session and stating that several members of the Court wished the Court to Assemble in New York, which he thought would probably be the case if accommodations were offered to the Court—which being read was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A further petition of John Field in relation to the renewal of the Lease of the lot in Chatham Street held by him was read and laid on the table, and it was Resolved, that the Finance Committee be requested to report on the Petition of said Field referred to them at the next meeting of the Board

A petition of Anson Blake stating he is about erecting some Stores in Pearl [127] Street were it opens into Hanover Square & praying he may be permitted to place the front of said Stores on the said Street so as to straighten and widen it by giving some inches where the Street is narrowest and taking in lieu thereof some inches where the street is the widest—Which being read was referred to the Street Committee

Two remonstrances from sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants against the petition of Henry Eckford and others for forming an open space or Park at the Intersection of Grand Division and Harman Streets was referred to the Street Committee

A Petiton of the New York & Brooklyn Steam Ferry Lessees for

a renewal to them of a Lease of a small triangular lot at Brooklyn used at said Ferry, was referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance of Jonathan Hillman and Asa Nelson against renewing the Lease of Cellar Store N° 4 under Fulton Market to any other person than themselves, was referred to the Market Committee

A Letter was received from Benjamin Strong and Others delegates from different religious [128] Societies in relation to the Law prohibiting Interments soliciting a conference with a Committee of the Common Council in the hope that the Law may be so modified as to meet the wishes of the Citizens without any material interference with the measures of the Common Council

Which having been read was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A Communication was received from the proprietors of the several daily papers printed in the City stating that they could not undertake the publication of the usual Corporation advertisements at a less rate than Two Hundred dollars per Annum Which was read and referred to the Comm^ee on Public Offices

The Finance Committee on the petition of David Lydig for commutation of Quit rent presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee, respectfully Report, on the annexed petition of David Lydig. That M^r Lydig on the 14^th Novem^r 1804 received a Grant for a Water lot, in the 4^th Ward, between Peck Slip and Dover St, and Front and South Streets [129] and he now wishes to commute the rent on the said Grant—But it appears by a resolution of this Board of March 23^d 1812, that Commutation is only allowed on Water grants up to the 1^st of Jan^y 1803. which has since been extended to the 1^st January 1804, and in some few particular instances to grants of a later date. Your Committee have duly considered this subject, and do not think it proper to allow any further commutation, in particular instances, which do not come within the general resolutions. But they are of the opinion that it is expedient to extend the resolutions to all grants of water Lots without any reference to the dates of such grants; and your Committee are of the opinion that in all cases of commutation hereafter, a payment should be required of a sum of money which at five per Cent would yield the quit rent to be commuted for—The present sum of money required is only so much as, at Six per Cent, would produce the amount of the Commuted rent—But your Committee think that the time has now arrived when a principel sum

of money in such cases, should be required, which at five per Cent will produce the rent to be released and Commuted

The commutation however not to be [130] allowed except on such grants in which there is but one rate or amount of quit rent reserved, or in which the highest rate of rent is payable, or at the rate of the highest amount of rent reserved or payable at any time out of the grant to be commuted for—nor is any part of a grant or less than the rent reserved in a whole grant to be commuted for, under any circumstances—nor until all arrears of rent on the grant be paid up to the time of commutation

Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board, the following Resolution;

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorised upon the payment into the Treasury of Commutations of quit rents reserved in Grants for Water Lots (when required) to report the usual releases in each case to the Board, provided that the other terms stated in this Report be complied with and that the proceeds of such commutation shall be applied in the same manner as the commutations heretofore allowed

Asa Mann
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

[131] Whereupon the same was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of Sampson Benson and of Lemuel Wells for refunding of certain expences on Sales for Non-payment of Taxes presented the following report. viz

The Finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed applications of Sampson Benson and Lemuel Wells—That the petitioners wish the Corporation to refund to them Seven dollars on each piece of property, heretofore sold for taxes or assessments, which they have redeemed, being for advertisements and Leases which have not been made—Your Committee, on duly considering this subject, find that on such sales charges for the last advertisement and for the Leases are anticipated, and paid to the Corporation by the purchasers; and that when the property is afterwards redeemed, (previously to the second advertisements, or the Leases being made out,) it is usual for the person redeeming to apply to the Board to be paid back the amount of the charges not expended by the Corporation, and the Board uniformly repay the same to the person redeeming the property—Such are the

cases of the petitioners now under [132] consideration; who are, of course, entitled to be allowed the amount of the anticipated charges which they have paid—But as there are frequent applications of this description to the Board, which occupy some time in the Board, and in Committee, and give rise to considerable delay; it seems to be most proper, that a general regulation be adopted, in order to avoid these inconveniences, in cases which are so plain and manifest—Your Committee therefore have prepared the following resolution, which they beg leave to submit to the consideration of the Board

Resolved that in all cases where property sold for Taxes or assessments is redeemed prior to the last advertisement, or the Lease being made, it shall be the duty of the Comptroller to report warrants to refund the amount of the charges not actually incurred, in favour of the person entitled to the same, upon a certificate of the Street Commissioner of the amount

Asa Mann
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[133] The Finance Committee on the petition of John Mason for purchase of Lot No 83 Common Land reported as follows. viz

The finance Committee respectfully report, on an application of John Mason, Esquire, for the purchase of Lot No 83 of the Common Lands, That the said Lot is under lease until the first of May next to John Kemp, That Mr Mason has agreed to give fifteen hundred dollars for the Lot, the deed to be delivered on or after the first of May, and the consideration money to be then paid—under all the circumstances, your Committee are of the Opinion that this Sale ought to be made to Mr Mason, on the above terms, and they therefore submit for consideration the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel on or after the first of May next prepare a Deed for said Lot No 83 to John Mason, for the consideration of $1500—and that the Collector be authorised to receive Mr Masons note for the said amount payable on the first of May next—Mr Mason to pay the expence of the conveyance

Asa Mann
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

[134] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of the Mechanic and Scientific Institution presented a Report unfavourable to petitioners which was read and referred back to the same Committee

The Market Committee on the subject of the sale of certain Lots in vicinity of Essex Market presented the following communication

The Market Committee respectfully report That the Common Council at their last meeting authorised the Committee to sell at public Auction two lots of ground, fronting on Essex and Ludlow Streets each 25 feet front and rear, and 87½ feet in depth, From circumstances which have since occurred, the Committee are of the opinion that the above Lots cannot be sold as advantageously as was supposed, and they believe that the space on the side of this Market may be laid out in a different manner, and disposed of more to the public advantage—under these circumstances they beg leave to ask the Board to vacate the former order, and to give the Committee authority to lay out said space, and to dispose of such part [135] thereof as the Committee shall think most for the public good—They beg leave to offer the following resolutions

Resolved, That the order of this Board passed at their last meeting, in relation to said two lots of Ground be vacated

Resolved, That the Market Committee be, and they are hereby authorised to lay out the ground in the vicinity of the Essex Market, belonging to this Corporation, in such manner as they may think most for the public good, and to dispose of such part thereof as they shall think proper either at public or private Sale

(Signed) Thomas Bolton. Ch. pro tem.
Wm H Ireland
Matthew Reed
D E. Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for regulating &c 4th Street reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of the Owners of property adjacent to Fourth Street, praying that, that Street may be regulated and paved from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue, Report that the improvements already made [136] and making on that Street, require that it should be paved, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted—and an ordinance therefor be passed accordingly

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Saml St. John
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on Petition to regulate Water Street between Pike & Rutgers Streets reported as follows. Viz.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition, praying that Water Street may be regulated, from Pike Street to Rutgers Slip, the Curb Stone Set, and the side walk laid on the northerly side thereof—Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted

[137] (Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Saml St John
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to open and extend Sixth Avenue reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Owners of property on, and adjacent to the Sixth Avenue praying that it may be opened and extended from 13th Street to Love lane near 21st Street, Report, that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, inasmuch as they only are to be affected thereby, no buildings to be removed the grounds being vacant and unimproved, accordingly they submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Sixth Avenue be opened and extended from 13th Street to Love-lane—and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the same carried into effect

(Signed) Jacob B. Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Saml St John
Asa Mann.

Which was approved and the Resolution [138] adopted, and the Petition was directed to be duly authenticated during the recess of the Board.

The Water Committee to whom was referred the subject of applying to the Legislature for a Law to vest the exclusive right in the Corporation to supply the City with water reported.

The Committee to whom it was referred to consider the expediency of applying to the Legislature for a Law which shall vest in the Corporation the exclusive right of supplying the City with water, respectfully Report, That in consequence of the necessary and unavoidable absence of two of the Members of the Committee, it has been deemed advisable, upon a question of so much importance, to lay the subject over until the united views and opinions of the whole Committee can be collected.

In the mean time, as your Committee, are informed that an Application is now before the Legislature, to Incorporate a private Company for the avowed object of supplying the City with Water, Your Committee have deemed it their duty to bring the subject partially under the consideration of the Board.

Your Committee believe that the nature [139] and extent of the privileges asked for by the proposed Company, have not been explained to the Corporation of the City, or in any way submitted to the consideration of this Board, It is obvious however that a Legislative grant of a right to introduce Water into the City, for general use, must either, by express provision, or by necessary implication give a right to dig up the public Streets—to lay down pipes, and exercise many other acts which, in the opinion of your Committee, should be done entirely and exclusively under the authority and controul of the Corporation, and subject to such regulations as in the judgement of this Board will protect the great interest of the whole City.

If any private Company should be clothed with a power to open the Streets of the City and lay down pipes, at their pleasure, without being subject to the absolute controul of the Corporation, all the public highways, whether consisting of Alleys. Streets or Avenues, might be interrupted, and Our fellow Citizens prejudiced in their Lawfull pursuits to an extent which cannot be foreseen, or anticipated—The right which every citizen now enjoys of building a Vault in the Street in front of his House might be divested, by an improvident grant to [140] an Individual Association, and thereby a valuable privelege taken away, and this Board deprived of a considerable, and constantly increasing revenue.

Your Committee are fully of Opinion that where great and vital interests of the City may be affected, by powers conferred on private incorporations, too much caution cannot be employed, and they feel

assured that the Legislature of the State would not, willingly, pass a Law which might in any way interfere with the Corporate rights of the City.

Under this view of the subject they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, That his honor the Mayor be requested, in behalf of this Board to transmit a Copy hereof to the President of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and to the Members from the City of New York, respectfully requesting them to adopt such measures as will most effectually guard and protect the Corporate rights of the City.

Wm Paulding Junr Chairn
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

[141] The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom had been referred their Report and the Law reported by them presented a further report amending said Law in some particular.

Report of the 17th January was in the words following

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the annexed resolutions, Respectfully Report.

That they have considered what amendments are requisite to be applied for, to the act concerning taxes. Your Committee have agreed to the draft of a Law, very nearly similar to the one applied for last winter; which provides for the annual meeting of the Supervisors on the third Tuesday of August instead of October; and in other respects shortens the periods within which the Taxes are to be assessed. And it likewise provides that nothing in the Laws contained should be construed to effect or repeal those provisions of the old Laws as to taxes, which relate particularly to New York, and that the exemption of places of worship from taxation, shall only apply to those exclusively owned by religious societies.

Your Committee have likewise added a section to repeal all those parts of the Tax [142] laws which allow the commutation of the Taxes upon incorporated companies, and which requires the amount of such taxes to be paid into the State treasury. The effect of the commutation allowed by Law, is to render the amount to be raised in the County uncertain, because it goes into the State treasury, and the State tax and non resident tax is there retained, and the balance paid back into the County treasury is not the same amount, as the tax after a certain rate, and with a view to raise a certain amount upon the Capital.

Your Committee conceive that it would be preferable to have no commutation of the tax on the Capital, rather than to continue the existing mode of commuting which is so uncertain in its results— which transfers the tax belonging to the County into the State treasury, and which being based upon dividends, profits or income, is so much more variable and unsafe a test of taxation, than actual Capital.

They therefore, offer for consideration, the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel engross the said Law, and prepare and report to this Board a suitable memorial to the Legislature to accompany the same

Wm Burtsell
Asa Mann
[143] (Signed) Philip Hone
Jacob B Taylor
Thomas Bolton

Upon reading the 3d Section of the Law in the words following

"And be it further enacted, That the exemption from taxation of "any building for public worship, or any School House under and by "virtue of the third section of the said Act of the 23d April 1823, "entitled An Act for the Assessment & Collection of Taxes, shall not "extend or apply to any such buildings or premises in the said City, "unless the same shall be exclusively used for such purposed and "exclusively the property of an incorporated body, or a religious "Society."

The question being taken the same passed in the Affirmative— Alderman Cowdrey called a division the Members voted as follows.

Affirmative Mr. Recorder—Alderman Wyckoff Ireland, Webb, Mann, Taylor and Ostrander Mr Bolton—St John—Agnew—Burtsell and Cox—12

Negative—Alderman King—Cowdrey—[144] Reed and Davis Mr Dunscomb and Rathbone—6

The Law was then approved—directed to be engrossed, a corresponding Memorial prepared, duly authenticated & transmitted to the Legislature

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the Petition for dividing the Tenth Ward presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration and directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

The following were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hose Co. No. 1.

Chas S Hutton, Carpenter 40 Mulberry St
Vice Benjn M Underhill Resigned

Hook & Ladder Co No 3

Herman Lydacker, Milkman, Bedford near 13
Vice Peter Winants Resigned

Fire Engine Co. No 5

Henry Peck Jeweller Ann St. Vice Samuel Acker Resigned

Fire Engine Co. No 11

Henry Ulshoeffer Accountant 2 Cedar St
Vice Israel C Holmes Resigned

[145] Fire Engine Co No 16

James J M Valentine Lawyer Burling Slip
Vice James R Codwise Leaving the City

Fire Engine Co No 22.

Benjamin Fuller Riger 166 Bancker St
Vice George Bayles Resigned

Albert Lefferts Cartman 257 Grand St.
Vice Thomas Nurse Resigned

Fire. Engine Co No 30

William Thompson Brewer 95 Anthony St
Vice Adam W Turnbull Resigned

The following Resolution for opening 6th St. and closing Art St. and Greenwich Lane was presented and adopted.

Resolved, That it is desirable for the public convenience to open Sixth Street in the Eighth Ward and Ninth Ward of the City of New York from Broadway to Christopher Street, according as said Sixth Street is designated and extended on a map shewing the property affected by the continuation of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Streets at right angles with Broadway, dated New York May 1817, made by Edward Doughty City Surveyor, and approved by the Common Council on the 26th day of May 1817, and filed in the Street Commissioners Office, (the same being a Street not laid out by the Commissioners [146] of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, under and by virtue of the act entitled "An Act relative to improvments touching the laying out

of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes passed April 3d 1807) and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done: and further that it is desirable for the public convenience to have closed that part of Art Street and Greenwich Lane lying between Broadway and the Sixth Avenue in the Eighth & Ninth Wards of the said City, excepting thereout so much of the said Art Street and Greenwich Lane as may be necessary for the purpose of opening Sixth Street as aforesaid; And that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises in order that the above objects may be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the Acts in such case made and provided

The Counsel presented the following Report. viz.

The Counsel herewith respectfully presents for execution the Petition of the Common Council to the Supreme Court for the appointment [147] of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the purpose of Opening Sixth Street in the Eighth and Ninth Wards of this City from Broadway to Christopher Street, and also for closing that part of Art Street and Greenwich Lane lying between Broadway and the Sixth Avenue in the Said Eighth and Ninth Wards, and not required for the Opening of Sixth Street above mentioned

respectfully submitted

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the petition mentioned in the Report was directed to be duly authenticated

The Counsel presented a Deed to Garrit B Abeel

The Counsel herewith presents for execution a deed to Garret B Abeel of a piece or parcel of land situate in the Sixth Ward of the City on the South Westerly Side of Pearl Street between Elm and Cross Streets, and running South Easterly along Pearl Street ninety two feet from land formerly belonging to Henry Barclay, and extending back from Pearl Street at right angles to the land of Mr Janeway, for the sum of $2500.—made out by the direction of the Comptroller:

[148] Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented for execution the following Leases.

The Counsel herewith submits for execution a Lease of the Hay Scales at Duane Street for 5 Years from the 1st of May next, at the

annual rent of $2026. to Joseph Crowell, which he has prepared agreeably to the directions of the Comptroller.

respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

The Counsel also submits a Lease for the Hay Scales at Gouverneurs Slip, to Isaac Valentine, for 5 Years from the 1st May next, at the Annual rent of $32. This Lease is also submitted for execution, it having been prepared agreeably to the directions of the Comptroller

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which were directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving 4th Street from Broadway to Sixth Avenue [149] which was passed and Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Junr & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for regulating and curbing Water Street from Pike Slip to Rutgers Slip which was passed and Abraham Dally, Benjamin Prince and John Targee were appointed Assessors

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and pump in Amity Street near Sixth Avenue which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector thereof

Also an Assessment for a Well and pump in Attorney St. near Delancy St. which was confirmed & Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances

No	1	Jno C. Kingsland	Owner	44	Barclay St	A privy
	2	S A Rich	do	25	do	"
	3	Wm Mulligan	do	37	do	"
	4	Jno *Daflon* [Duflong]	do	47	do	"
	5	Saml Abrams	do	51	do	"
	6	[150] M Lazarus	"	62	"	"
	7	E Burger	"	62½	"	"
	8	T Fisher	"	76	"	"
	9	Rd Varick	"	48	Courtlandt	"
	10	Wm Sandford	"	71	"	"
	11	E Innet	"	75	"	"
	12	Rd Varick	"	8	Dey St	"
	13	C Heyer	"	22	"	"
	14	J Anthony	"	32	"	"

15	M Dale	Owner	177	Fulton St	A privy
16	Wm Smith	"	185	"	"
17	Wm Hinton	Occupt	197	"	"
18	J Purdy	Owner	209	"	"
19	E C. Priest	"	6	Murray St	"
20	N Seixas	"	8	"	"
21	A Ogsbury	"	27	"	"
22	A Stewart	"	29	"	"
23	Do	"	31	"	"
24	W & G Post	"	73	"	"
25	Wm Borland	"	37	Robinson	"
26	J C Taylor	"	41	"	"
27	M Mode.	"	47	"	"
28	D. McLaren	"		Spring St	"
29	do	"		do	"
30	S. Sinclair	"	22	Vesey St	"
31	D Phyfe	"	40	"	"
32	T Barrow	"	62	"	"
33	J Westervelt	"	66	"	"
34	Tylee & Dempsy	"	74	"	"
35	[151] Tylee & Dempsey	do	80	do	do
36	do	do	82	do	do
37	N Van Brunt	do	22	Warren St	do
38	M Jones	do	50		do
39	C Rapp	do	92		do
40	J Kingsland	do	193	Washington	do
41	T W Marshall	do	52	Orchard	do
42	P McKee	Do	61	Water	do
43	Dr Rosseter	do	214	Broadway	do
44	Dr Akerly	do		Cherry St	do

Geo Cuming Cy Inspecr

Alderman Ostrander presented a Resolution for paving & regulating Cannon Street from Broome to North Street & for gravelling the side walks—which was referred to the Street Committee

Mr Dunscomb presented the following which was adopted,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Superintendant of Repairs to have the houses in Sullivan Street between Canal and Spring Street regularly numbered on or before the first day of May next.

Alderman King presented the following Resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, That the Street lately opened [152] from the junction of Beekman & Pearl Street to the East river be called & known by the name of Beekman Street.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to

number the Houses and Lots of Ground in Beekman Street in the usual manner from the Park to the East river

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following which was referred to the finance Committee

Resolved, That the proceeds of all real Estate sold since the first of January last or hereafter to be sold, shall be passed to the Credit of the Commissioners of the sinking fund towards the redemption of the public debt.

The Report of the Committee on Lands & places on the subject of appointing a Keeper of Pottersfield which was presented on the 17th January last and was laid for consideration was now called up and being read was as follows

The Committee on Public Lands & places to whom was referred the subject of selecting a suitable person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Schureman, as Keeper [153] of Pottersfield beg leave to report

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and have with some difficulty (owing to the great number of Applicants) determined on recommending Cornelius Myers as a suitable person to fill the vacancy and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved, That Cornelius Myers be recommended as a suitable person to be appointed keeper of Pottersfield, in the place of William Schureman, resigned

(Signed) Saml St John
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

It was then moved that the Board now proceed to ballot for a person to fill that Office which was agreed to—on Counting the Ballots it appeared Cornelius Myers had 10 Votes which being a Majority of the Votes of the Members present—It was Resolved That Cornelius Myers be and he is hereby appointed Keeper of Pottersfield during the pleasure of this Board.

Mr Rathbone presented a Resolution constituting the Office of Counsel & Attorney of this Board a Salary Office, which was read and laid on the table

[154] The Comptroller made the following report

Bal as per Acct 31 Jany	$63.75
Recd for Tax of 1824. 2. 3 4. 5. 6. 7. 9 Wards	14050.
" " Rents	7.292.08
" Streets	3.247.72
" Fines &c Attorney	802.35

Recd for Justices Courts	$592.93	
" Dist Attorney fees	124.	
" Commutation Alien passengers	75.	
" Mayoralty fees	52.25	
" Fines &c Sheriff	6.	
	26.306.08	
Loan of J Fleming Treasr from Amt of Tax of 1824. paid by Incorporated Companies, without Interest	12.000.	
		38.306.08

54 Accounts Audited

Leek & Concklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2 "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3 "	645.75
G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr Saly 15 Inst	400.
J P. Roome Super Repairs 1 Qr " 14 "	250.
Abrm B Martling Keeper Cy Hall 1 Qr " 1 "	200.
Jno Burger reguls 4 public Clocks 1 Qr " 1 "	50.
Wm Schureman Keeper Pottersfield 1 Mo " 1 "	38.75
R. Riker Chairman Committee for reception of Genl La Fayette	250.
Abr. B. Martling Keeper City Hall, Expences Corporation 1 Qr 1 Febry	195.16
[*] S. St. John Amt advanced for Carting Manure on Battery &c	89.46
J Coffin Asst City Inspecr removing Nuisances 1 Qr 1 Febry bal	12.28
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 In	64.42
J Bremner " Catharine " 1 " "	57.
P Ammerman " 6 Markets 1 " "	54.50
R Smith " Franklin " 1 " "	38.75
Geo B Thorp Keeper City prison & Depys 1 Qr 1 Febry	450.
John J Howe Physician City prisn 1 Qr 1 Febry	75.
P & A Van Pelt Printing 1 Qr 1 Feb	296.25
Jas Hopson Special Justice 1. Qr Salary 12 Inst	400.
H Abell Special Justice 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	400.
S Ovutt Special Justice 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	400.
S. L'Hommedieu Clerk Police 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	312.50
R Stephens Assist Clerk Police 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	250.
H. Scovell Justice. 7. 10 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst	400.
Wm H Smith Clerk " " " " "	187.50
Wm Sherwood Rent for Court 1. 2. 3 Wds 1 Qr 1 Inst	37.50
Abr. Knapp do do 4. 6 " " "	25.
[156] S. Downing Rent for Court 7. 10 Wards 1 Qr. 1 Inst.	25.
R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions 1 Qr Salary 12th Inst	375.
Jno P Roome Crier of Court 1 Qr do 3d "	50.
R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions to pay Witnesses 1 Qr. 12 Inst.	34.

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

P H Wendover Sheriff for Deputies Convs persons to Penitenty 1 Qr 1 Inst	20.50	
H Tallman Coroner Fees 1 Qr 1 Febry	459.94	
Haydock & Jenkins 10 Casks Oil	666.50	
R Pettigrew Acct. reg & pav Washingn St. from Beaver Lane to Marketfield St	400.	
S Fargay. reg & pav Gouverneur Slip	382.63	
H Smith Acct. reg & pav Chrystie St from Delancy to Stanton St	300.	
H Smith Acct reg & pav Willett St from Grand to Stanton	300.	
J Bailey bal. reg & pav Suffolk St from Delancey to Stanton	277.83	
S Fargay Acct. reg & pav. Chatham St. from Broadway to Tryon Row	240.	
H Smith Acct Cross Walks 3d Ward	220.	
T Cummings bal. reg. & pav. Herring St from Carmine to Christopher	117.99	
A H Mooney bal. reg & pav Rutgers Slip and part Cherry St	68.42	
E. Doughty Surveys &c 1 Qr 1 Jany	105.05	
J Lucas 6th payment Carpenters Work fever Hospital	800.	
[157] Patrick Henry 12¼ days work at Battery	12.25	
Revd John Stanford for Services as Chaplain at Bellevue &c	300.	
J P. Roome Supert Repairs for Repairs	622.	
J P Roome do do " fire departt	416.	
J P Roome do do " pump do	165.	
A Burtis Supert Alms House Amt building Cells in Penitentiary	2318.94	
A Burtis Supt Alms House for Alms House	4000.	
J Fleming Treasr to pay Interest City Stock 1 Qr 1 Febry	18.500.	
Balance		$68.71

The Board adjourned to this day fortnight.

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[159] In Common Council February 28th 1825.

Present. The Hon Wm Paulding Junr Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St. John
Willm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Wm Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Danl E Dunscomb
Wm A Davis	Effingham Shieffelin
Gideon Ostrander	Wm P Rathbone

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Heyer Bremner & Burdett for relief from penalty incurred under the Law prohibiting hoisting merchandise from the Streets—was read and referred to the Police Committee

[160] A Petition of Thomas Kent to be relieved from fine incurred under the Law prohibiting hoisting Merchandise from the Streets was read and referred to the Police Committee

A petition of James Amory to purchase in fee simple three Lots of Common Lands now held by him under Lease from the Corporation, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial of J G Swift and others Commissioners under the Act of April 1823 for establishing a permanent regulation of Streets South of 34th Street requesting a further sum of $1500 to be placed at their disposal to meet the necessary expenditures, was read and referred to the finance Committee.

A petition of Wm A Hardenbrook for Office of Captain of third Watch District

A Similar Petition from William Dusenberry

A Similar Petition from John J Vanderpool

A Similar Petition from Amaziah Dusenberry

A Similar Petition from Cornelius Stagg

A Similar Petition from Nathl Bayles

A Similar Petition from Cornl McLean

[161] A Similar Petition from Jacob Parsall

A Similar Petition from Jesse Woods

And Petition from a Committee of the City Watchmen from the several Watch Districts praying an increase of pay were referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition for a Well and pump near the Intersection of Canal & Green Streets were referred to the Alderman & Assistant of [Eighth] Ward and Street Commissioner.

A petition of James N Wells for permission to build two vaults in Hudson Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of [Eighth] Ward and Street Commissioner

A petition of J Bayard for permission to erect an awning in front of his House N° 98 Chatham Street on the first of March next—was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of Owners of Lots in Ridge St. praying said Street may be paved between Broome and Delancey Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A petition of James Shirley requesting permission to take for his own use the dirt and [162] Stones to be removed on opening Montgomery Street offering therefor the sum of Fifty dollars and to remove the same forthwith—was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A petition of Rachel Arden was received stating that the Commissioners of Estimate on opening the 4th Avenue estimated the damage sustained by the Owner of part of a Lot taken for opening said Avenue at $55 and Stated the Owner of said Lot to be to them unknown That petitioner is owner of said Lot & can produce her title therefor, and therefore request that the same sum of $55 be paid to her—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial from the Trustees of the City Dispensary was received stating that the great increase of the number of Applicants for relief renders the house occupied, by them inconvenient for want of sufficient room—They state that the applicants last year amounted to between 8 & 10.000—They therefore request that the Corporation would grant for the use of said Institution a Lease of the Panoramic Rotunda after the expiration of the present Lease—Which being read was referred to the Committee on [163] Lands and Places

A Petition of Joseph S Perry for relief from personal tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of David S Jones and others owners of Lots on 4th Street for permission to pave said Street from Broadway to 6th Avenue by their own agent and at their own expence was read and referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A Petition of James W Hartell for Stall N° 33 Washington Market lately held by his father John Adam Hartell deceased. was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of James Heath, that the Office of Inspector of Weights and Measures be divided and that he be appointed to one of said Offices—was referred to the Committee on public Offices

A petition from the Inhabitants in vicinity of Green & Bleecker Street for a Well and pump at that place was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner.

[164] A petition of John R Peters for permission to construct a drain from the rear of his property N° 92. 88. 86 Pearl Street under his property N° 56 Water St down Water Street to Coenties Slip to discharge surplus waters from the premises—Which being read was referred to the Canal Committee.

A petition from Owners and Inhabitants of Lots that the flagging on Side walks on the Northerly side of Division Street be extended to Grand Street—and the Side walk on the Easterly side of Grand Street from Arundle St to Grand St. Market be flagged and the side walk on the southerly or Easterly side of Columbia Street from Grand to Stanton St. to be also flagged—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants against the petition for establishing a public place or Park at the junction of Grand & Harman Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Peter Badeau to rent the rear of the Lot in Chrystie Street on which Engine Houses N° 30 and 37 are built was referred to the finance Committee

[165] A petition from the Owners & Occupants of Ground near the Intersection of Grand Division and Harman Streets. praying that the Manure there deposited may be removed, was referred to the City Inspector.

A petition of Phebe Cothrall was received stating that her Husband Thomas Cothrall had License as a Cartman—that he has lately died leaving her the Horse and Cart and requesting permission to employ a person of due Age and responsibility to drive the Cart for her use—was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A remonstrance from a number of Freeholders against the petition for opening and extending Cedar Street to Pearl St. was referred to the Street Committee.

A remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against the petition for forming an open place or Square at the intersection of Grand Division and Scammel Street was presented and referred to the Street Committee

A remonstrance of Peter Lorillard & others against the petition for

widening Pearl St. between Old Slip & Counties Slip, was read & referred to the St Committee

[166] A Petition from the Inhabitants of the 9th Ward in Greenwich praying that a Public pier may be erected at the foot of Perry Street near the State prison—was read and referred to Committee Wharves Piers & Slips

A Report from the Trustees of the Saving Banks for the year 1824 was presented and referred to the finance Committee with authority to publish the same if they thought it necessary.

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had been served with an original Writ issuing out of the Supreme Court of this State in the case of the Corporation of the Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York—Whereupon the Attorney was directed to appear in and defend the said suit.

A petition from Caleb Morgan for relief from a Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Rodman & Samuel Bowne Lessees of Catharine Slip Ferry requesting for the accommodation of said Ferry that [167] the Pier on the South westerly side of Catharine Slip may be extended —stating that it will also add another birth for vessels to lie at and that petitioners would as a further inducement be willing to pay an interest of 6 per Cent per Annum upon one half of the cost of the said Pier during their Lease—The same having been read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A petition from Sundry Owners and occupants of ground in the vicinity of the improvement requested, praying that a new Street may be opened from Coenties Slip to Garden Street from the present western line of Coenties Slip to the Eastern Side of Coenties Alley and to terminate with the width of at least 50 feet opposite to the Dutch Church in Garden Street—The same having been read was referred to the Street Committee

A petition of Daniel E Dunscomb to place an Iron railing around his House in Broad Way was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A petition of Peter M Granger Lessee of Stall No 16 Washington Market requesting permission to transfer the same to George Goodheart was referred to the Market Committee.

[168] The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred a Petition for filling up Stanton Slip to Mangin Street presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slips on the petition to fill up and extend the Slip at the foot of Grand Street at the East River reported in favour of the same as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of Joseph G Swift and others that the Slip at the foot Grand Street at the East river may be filled up and improved Report that they have viewed the premises and are of the opinion that their request is reasonable and ought to be complied with, as the Slip is so much filled with sand as to render it useless and it is with difficulty that the ferry Boats can reach the Bridge at low water—Your Committee would therefore recommend that a Bulkhead be made across the Slip at the Easterly side of Tompkins Street and the Slip filled up accordingly they submit the following resolution.

Resolved. That the request of the petitioners be granted, and that an Ordinance be passed accordingly.

[169] (Signed) John Webb
Asa Mann
Matthew Reed
Wm H Ireland
John Agnew

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Laws on the petition of James R Manly presented the following report which was adopted.

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the annexed Memorial of James R Manley, claiming his seat at the Board of the Common Council, as the Assistant of the 5th Ward, duly elected by a majority of the Votes of the qualified Electors of that Ward, at the last Election for Charter Offices

Report, That they have been attended by Mr Manley and his Counsel, and that after hearing a Statement of the Grounds, on which his Seat was claimed, a time was appointed to receive the evidence which he proposed to adduce—But that at such time, no witness attended, nor was any affidavit or other proof furnished to the Committee—and as a considerable time has elapsed since the aforesaid appointment, Your Committee have concluded that it is not the intention of the petitioner to pursue this subject any [further]

[170] They therefore beg leave to submit the following Resolution to the Board.

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Respectfully Submitted.

Sam[l] Cowdrey
Elisha W King
Thom[s] Bolton.

The Committee on public Offices to whom was referred the Letter from the Hon. M[r] Colden on the subject of offering accommodation to the Court of Errors for holding their next sessions in the City of New York presented the following Report in favour thereof which was adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred a Letter from One of the Senators addressed to his Honor the Mayor, recommending that an invitation be given to the Court of Errors to hold their extra Session in the City of New York. Report.

That they have considered the subject of one of deep interest not only as it regards this City, but as affecting the whole Southern Section of the State

This City has long been and must continue to be, the great commercial Mart of the State and consequently the Theatre of Judicial proceed- [171] ings, yet for several years past, but a single Term of the Supreme Court has been annually held in this City; whilst the Court of Errors has been permanently located at a distance of One Hundred and Sixty Miles. The effect of which has been oppressively felt, not only by the profession but by the great Commercial interest of the whole Southern District. If then this Court of dernier resort can be prevailed upon at least occasionally to hold its Sessions here, it will in the opinion of your Committee be calculated to diminish the expence of Our Citizens and in Other respects to promote our best interests.

From these considerations your Committee do think it advisable to Invite the Court of Errors to hold its next extra Session in this City, and for that purpose they submit the following Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Honorable the Court for the Trial of impeachments and the correction of Errors, of the State of New York, be respectfully invited to hold its next extra session in the City of New York, and in case of its acceptance that a Room in the City Hall be suitably fitted up for its reception.

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to transmit a Copy of the [172] foregoing resolution to the president of the Senate

Elisha W King
Saml St John
(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Saml Cowdrey
Jameson Cox

The Committee on public Offices to whom was referred the subject of employing the several daily newspapers presented the following Report which was adopted.

The Committee on public Offices to whom was referred a communication from the proprietors of the several daily papers printed in this City requesting additional compensation for publishing the Laws and official notices of this Corporation.

Report, That it appears from the said Communication that the sum of One hundred Dollars heretofore allowed for publishing the various legal advertisements and notices of the Corporation is insufficient to defray the Cost of publishing the same.

That the increase of the City; and consequent increase of printing, resulting from constant improvements and modifications in our municipal concerns; have induced them to decline publishing at a less rate than Two hundred Dollars per Annum

[173] Your Committee think it due to the Gentlemen concerned to state; that their determination had been formed anterior to the passage of the resolution to employ all the daily papers at an Annual Compensation of Seventy five dollars.

For several years past four daily papers have been employed to publish the various laws and official notices of the Corporation at an Annual Stipend of One hundred Dollars. This regulation produced dissatisfaction among such of our Citizens as did not take either of those papers; on the ground that they were compelled either to subscribe for one of those papers, or contribute to the expence of furnishing information to others whilst they were excluded. This objection seemed to be so just; and your Committee having ascertained from a source which they considered to be authentic, that the actual cost of printing would not exceed Seventy five Dollars; that they were induced to recommend the said Resolution which passed unanimously. In fixing the compensation so low your Committee took into consideration the fact that all those papers publish the proceedings and many of the Acts of Congress and of the Legislature of this State gratuitously;

And that the Acts and [174] proceedings of the Common Council could not fail to be equally interesting to our own Citizens who are immediately affiected by them; and among whom the principal part of those papers are circulated. The intent of the Committee therefore was, to offer a simple indemnity against the expence—But finding that they have been wholly mistaken as to the actual costs of such publications; and that the object of the Common Council cannot be accomplished for a sum less than One thousand eight hundred dollars per annum, They are induced to recommend an abandonment of the project under a full persuasion that the expence will exceed the proposed benefit. Still however if the Gentlemen concerned will view the subject in the same light which your Committee have done, they may be induced to accept the employment at the rate of One hundred dollars per annum; the same as heretofore paid. Otherwise your Committee recommend the employment of one daily paper only—In order therefore to ascertain the intention of the proprietors of the several Daily papers, on this subject your Committee offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred Dollars per annum be allowed [175] to the proprietors of each of the daily News papers printed in this City; for publishing the ordinances and official notices of the Common Council; provided such proprietor shall signify his acceptance to the Clerk in ten days; and in case none shall accept thereof by the expiration of the time limited. That then—Those now employed shall cease; and that such publication shall thereafter be confined to one paper only to be selected by the Common Council

(Signed) Elisha W King
Sam[l] St. John
Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] Cowdrey
Jameson Cox.

The finance Committee to whom was referred the applications for Water Grants on the East river, presented the following Report which was adopted.

The finance Committee beg leave to represent to the Board that several applications have been made by Captain Hall, by Colonel Fish, and by Nicholas W Stuyvesant and by others for grants of water lots above North Street, which were referred to this Committee, and have been favourably [176] reported upon, but that inasmuch as the consideration of the Board had never been turned to the laying out of Streets or to fixing the permanent line beyond which no grants should

extend in that part of the City, this Committee was of opinion, that it would conduce to the regularity and convenience, as well as the beauty of the City, if, before any grants were made out, a permanent line should be fixed along the river, and the width & direction of the Streets which are to run through those grants, and are to be made by the grantees should be permanently established. The Committee were, at the same time, aware that the plan of Streets and the permanent line as now existing between Corlaers Hook & North Street required revision, in order to conform to the regulation of that part of the City above North Street, and as few, if any grants extend out to the permanent line between North Street and Corlaers Hook, the Committee deemed the present opportunity a favourable one for carrying their proposed [plan] into effect. The Street Commissioner has accordingly caused the necessary surveys and soundings to be made, and this Committee now present to the Board a Map shewing what they deem the most [177] advisable plan for laying out the shore of the East River from Corlaers Hook to fourteenth Street, together with the Streets as it is proposed they shall be made.

While engaged on this subject, the Committee also turned their attention to the rates of quit rent as established by the Board in 1913, and they ascertained that of all the grants taken out since that time, hardly two contained a reservation of the same rates of rent, and hardly any contained the rates established by the Board. This the Committee believe, arose from those rates being too high, and they propose as a substitute for those rates the following,

That for all grants between Clinton & Grand Streets to the permanent line, there shall be paid for every foot of front (calculating the average of the front and rear lines) One dollar and fifty Cents annually forever: and where there are already any grants not extending to the permanent line, a deduction shall be made from the above proposed rate equal to the rents reserved in the grants already existing.

That for all grants between Grand St. to North Street to the permanent line, and calculated as aforesaid there shall be paid per foot of front

From this time until [178] May 1836	$0.60
" May 1836 to May 1843	0.80
" May 1843 to May 1850	1.00
" May 1850 forever	1.20

Subject to the like deduction as above mentioned,

They would also recommend to this Board, that for all grants from

North St to Fourteenth Street to the permanent line, and calculated as aforesaid, there shall be paid per foot of front.

From this time until 1st May 1836	$0.30
May 1836 to 1 May 1843	0.60
May 1843 to 1 May 1850	0.90
May 1850 forever	1.20

They respectfully present the following Resolutions.

1 Resolved, That the plan of the Streets and permanent line on the East river North of Corlears Hook, presented to the Board with this Report be, and the same is hereby accepted.

2d Resolved, That the rates of quit rent as above proposed be and the same are hereby accepted and established by this Board

All which is respectfully submitted

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
[179] (Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

The finance Committee on the petitions of Marinus Willett and of Scott & Francis Fickett for Water Grants presented the following Report which was adopted.

The finance Committee on the annexed petition of Marinus Willett praying for a Grant of a Water lot in front of his wharf between Broome and Delancey Sts. and on the annexed petition of Scott & Francis Fickett praying for a grant of a Water lot in front of property owned by them between Montgomery and Gouverneur Streets respectfully report—that the Committee are of opinion that the grants in question may be made with propriety to the applicants according to the tariff fixed by this Committee in their Report of this date to the Board, and subject to the usual conditions, provisions, reservations and stipulations, Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare the necessary grants to Marinus Willetts and to Scott Fickett and Francis Fickett for the above premises

[180] respectfully Submitted

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

The finance Committee on the petition of the Assessors of Taxes respecting their Compensation, presented a Report which after some discussion was referred back to the Finance Committee & the Committee on Public Offices

The finance Committee on the several petitions of John Field presented a report which being read and after considerable discussion was referred back to the finance Committee

The finance Committee to whom had been referred several petitions praying for an alteration in the Law establishing the Rates of Wharfage presented a Report in favour of the petitioners together with a Law making alterations in the former law complained of which was read, laid for consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the Members of the Board

[181] The finance Committee on the petition of Chs H Hall for a Water Grant reported in favour thereof as follows.

The finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Chs Henry Hall for a water Grant in front of his premises between 10th & 11th Streets—That they are of the opinion that the usual grant be made to Mr Hall, and therefore offer for the consideration of the Board, the following resolution,

Resolved, that the Counsel prepare a grant to Mr Hall for the water lot in front of the premises above described, to the same extent, and upon the same terms, covenants and conditions as prescribed in the resolution of August 2d 1824, directing a similar grant to Mr Hall from 11th to 13th Streets

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[182] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the Law for the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets presented a Report, which was read—laid for consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the Members of the Board.

The Street Committee on the petition of Anson Blake to straighten a part of Pearl Street presented the following Report which was adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Anson Blake for permission to Straighten Pearl Street in front

of his Lots between Wall St. and Hanover Square by receding a few inches in One part and advancing an equal number of inches on the Street at another, and where the Street is wider. Report, that in their opinion no injury can derive to the public by granting his request, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the request of the petitioner be granted—under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
[183] (Signed) Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

The Street Committee on the petition of Elijah and Joshua Secor presented the following report in favour of the petitioners which was adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Elijah and Joshua Secor stating that they have been prosecuted by the Attorney to this Board for placing their signs called "The wheel of Fortune" contrary to Law—and praying that the suit may be discontinued on their paying the Costs—Report that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that their signs be permitted to Stand until the first day of May next.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

[184] The Street Committee on the petition of John Ireland and others to be permitted to remove the dirt from a certain part of Hudson Street reported against the same as follows, viz

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Ireland for permission to regulate Hudson Street in Greenwich to 13[th] Street—Report that in their Opinion it is inexpedient to grant his request inasmuch as in so doing it would render the Street impassible until 13[th] shall have been regulated, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Counsel presented a Lease to Sam[l] Lyon of the premises 511 Pearl St. for five Years at the annual rent of $125—which was directed to be duly executed.

[185] The Counsel also presented a Lease to Jacob Schieffelin for Lots N° 61 & 63 Chatham Street which was laid for further consideration.

He also presented a Lease of Lots N° 251 Water St. & N° 22 Peck Slip to George Ferris for two years at the rent of $450 per Annum which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Deed to John M J Labatut for a lot of ground on the Southwesterly side of Anthony Street between Collect and little Water Street for the sum of $1350 which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Deed to W[m] Ross for a lot of ground on the North Easterly side of Anthony Street between Collect and little Water Streets for the sum of six hundred & thirty dollars, which was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating and sitting Curb Stone in Amity St. between Broadway and the 6[th] Avenue which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector thereof.

[186] The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for building a Bulkhead & filling Grand Street Slip East river which was passed and Abr[m] Dally, Benj[n] Prince & John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the assessments for regulating Streets at Greenwich Village & for repaving Chatham St. Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis to collect the same.

He also presented a return of delinquents on two assessments One for opening Bleecker Street & one for paving Willett St whereupon

Warrants were ordered to issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same.

The City Inspector presented an aggregate Report of the returns made to him by the Different Inspectors & Measurers Appointed by the Corporation which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting [187] Nuisances

Nº 1	H W Minugh	Occupt	89	Chamber St.	A privy
2	J. Nicholls	do	97	Do	"
3	R Storm	do	99	Do	"
4	G Robbey	do	109	Do	"
5	M Dennison	do	127	Do	"
6	A McMonamy[Mennomy]	do	145	Do	"
7	P Decouse	do	156	Duane St	"
8	H Kidney	do	167	Do	"
9	C Struck	do	171	Do	"
10	G Raymond	do	227	Do	"
11	T S Brady	do	229	Do	"
12	S. Sullivan	do	231	Do	"
13	Jnº Groshon	do	60	Reed St	"
14	S Carpenter	do	66	Do	"
15	J Byrnes	do	76	Do	"
16	M Howser	do	78	Do	"
17	J D Kirk	do	86	Do	"
18	S Nicholson	do	88	Do	"
19	J Paul	do	90	Do	"
20	J T Henry	do	92	Do	"
21	J Defau	do	108	Do	"
22	Chs C Myers	do	110	Do	"
23	A Oliver	do	132	Do	"
24	J Low	do	138	Do	"
25	Wm Chrystie	do	152	Do	"
26	L Storry	do	30	Thomas St	"
27	Dr Allen	do	36	Do	"
28	W Seaman	do	38	Do	"
29	[188] M A Gear	do	44	do	do
30	J Moore	do	46	do	do
31	Wm Sykes	do	10	William	do

Respectfully Submitted

G Cuming City Inspecr

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 1

Horatio G Cary Painter 64 Provost St
Vice Edward Huffmire Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Richard Lewis; Grocer, 18 Eldridge St
Vice David Baker Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 7

Will[m] M[c]Alpin Currier 3 Bancker St.
Vice James G Smith Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 33

John R Smith, Carpenter, 11 Essex St.
Vice John M Hartshorne in the Country

Fire Engine Company N° 39

Augustin F Battin, Accountant, Broadway
Vice James W Lovett Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 42

William Putz Joiner, 7 Oliver St Vice Samuel Ervin Resigned

[189] The following was presented & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

Resolved that the Superintendant of *of* the Alms House be and he is hereby Authorised to procure the likeness of the Rev[d] M[r] Stanford to be placed in the Alms House at Bellevue.

M[r] Agnew presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that Cross walks be laid in such Streets and at such places in the 4[th] Ward as may be designated by the Alderman and Assistant thereof, and that the St Commissioner prepare the draught of an Ordinance accordingly.

The Street Commissioner thereupon presented an Ordinance for laying Cross walks in the 4[th] Ward which was passed and Isaac Kip Cary Dunn & John Salisbury were appointed Assessors

The following was presented & adopted

Resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to enquire into the expediency of having the Bulkhead forming the line of West Street continued across Duane St Basin as far as

Canal St.—and also the propriety of extending the Piers at the foot of [190] Duane Street

Alderman Cowdrey presented a resolution explanatory of the views of the Common Council in relation to the application now before the Legislature from Gideon Tucker & others for an Act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of supplying this City with pure and wholesome water—After some discussion Alderman King presented a Resolution as an amendment to Alderman Cowdrey's Resolution which was in the words following

Resolved, that his Honor the Mayor be requested on behalf of this Board to inform the Members of Assembly representing this City as also the Senators that this Common Council did not by their late Resolution on the subject of Incorporating a Company to introduce good & wholesome water into this City intend to oppose the passage of such Law, but that on the Contrary this Board approve thereof, provided the work be commenced & completed within such time as this Board shall determine to be reasonable

Alderman Cowdrey consenting to the substitute proposed by Alderman King the question was taken on agreeing to the said Resolution and was carried in the affirmative.

[191] Alderman Mann requiring the Ayes and Noes the Members voted as follows

Affirmative—Alder[n] Wyckoff—King—Ireland—Cowdrey—Reed—Davis & Ostrander M[r] Bolton—St John—Hone—Agnew—Hedden—Dunscomb—Schieffelin & Rathbone. 15

Negative—Alder[n] Webb—Mann & Taylor M[r] Burtsell & Cox. 5

So the Resolution was adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

Balance as per Acct. 14 Inst	68.71	
Rec[d] for Tax of 1824. 2. 3. 4. 6. 7. 8. 9 Wards	16.700.	
" " Rents	3.910.89	
" Streets	2.143.44	
" Real Estates	1.875.	
" Police Office	904.53	
" Tavern Licenses	240.	
" Cartmens do	182.	
" Clerk of Sessions fees	166.32	
" City Prison fees	143.25	
" Mayoralty fees	86.25	
		26.420.39

68 Accounts Audited

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist.....	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2 do	666.75
Bleakley & Brower do 3 do	645.75
[192] G Cuming City Inspecr 1 Qr Salary 1 March.....	200.
T J Waters Clk Comptr Office 1 " do 24 Feb.....	200.
Astin & Higbie Messengers 1 Month 1 March.....	48.
O Ayres Asst City Inspecr do do	42.
J Coffin " " " do do	42.
C Gilman Keeper of Battery do do	28.
A McCready " Park do do	28.
W Schureman " Potters field 16 days in full.....	20.
O Jaques St. Inspector 1 Ward 1 Mo 1 March.....	31.50
P. Wright Do 2 " " "	31.50
T Jeroleman Do 3 " " "	31.50
N B Lyon Do 4 " " "	31.50
A Ackerman Do 5 " " "	31.50
W Kerr Do 6 " " "	31.50
B Fuller Do 7 " " "	31.50
S Hutchings Do 8 " " "	31.50
D Hubbard Do 10 " " "	31.50
Saml Kip Jun. sundry Groceries for 25 Nov 1824.....	37.66
Geo B Raymond regulas Hacks 34 days to 20 Jany.....	34.
Geo. Mills Inspecting Cartmens Carts &c 10 days.....	16.67
J Morton for Hack & Sleigh hire & postage.....	14.25
Patrick Fury spreading Manure on Battery.....	14.
B Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 March.....	42.
J Pinckney do do " "	42.
J Bremner Clerk Catharine Market " "	52.
G Duryea " Fulton " " "	41.67
I Astin Sweeper do " " "	38.59
[193] R. Smith Clerk Franklin Market 1 Mo 1 Mar.....	35.
H Maxwell Dist Attorney 1 Qr Salary 12 feb.....	625.
C. Chester refreshments for Jury ordered by Court 15. 16. 17. Feby	22.50
J Hays for Officers Extra Service in police 1 Qr 26 feb.	342.
J Hays " do Conveys persons to City prison " 1 "	129.50
J Hays " do do do to penitenty 1 Qr 26 feb.	47.
Proprietor of American 6 mo Subscription 26 feb.....	50.
G Snethen lighting Lamps 1 Mo 1 March.....	713.83
R Provoost repairing do " "	80.93
R Riker award opening 5th Avenue from Art to 13 St.	1170.
Jno Mann Jr " " " " " "	724.
E W King " " " " " " "	400.
Trustees Sailors Snug harbor " " " " " "	344.
Hope Insur. Compy Mortgagees on property of Chs M Graham " " " "	252.57
Charles White " " " "	95.

John Hunter award opening 5th Avenue from Art to 13 St.		90.
Gideon Tucker	" " " "	73.
Henry Brevoort	" " " "	64.
David S Bogart Mortgagee on Estate Wm Hamilton	" " " "	63.96
Elijah P Delaplaine	" " "	60.
John Morss	" " " "	59.26
Peter Wilson or owners unknown	" " " "	55.
John Towt	" " " "	55.
J McQueen Acct reg Christopher & other Sts at Greenwich		600.
[194] H Smith Acct. reg & pav Willett St from Grand to Stanton		800.
Jas Roosevelt award opens Mott St from Roosevelt's Lane to Bleecker St		1600.
John Ireland award opens Thompson St. from Amity Lane to Art St		1340.75
Corporation of City of New York award opens Thompson st. from Amity Lane to Art St		155.36
Geo B Smith plan & map for Vaults City Burial Ground & exam[in]ing Calculations filling at Battery		49.
Estate Thos Lovett by Geo Lovett bal filling a Battery		1210.28
M DeCamp Corpn Assesst Pump in Attorney near Delancey St		11.
H Cochran repairs Street at Market Chrisr St		3.90
J Meghan repairs Intersections 2d Ward		1.82
J Sloan filling 9 Loads Earth 6th Avenue		1.12
L Wells Costs on Sale 2 Lots Broadway not expended		14.
Jacob P Roome Supert Repairs for Engine Houses		675.
J P Roome do do " Docks &c		300.
Mechanics Bank Bond 14 Octo 1824 $10.400 & Interest $234		10.634.
	Balance	$122.02

On motion it was Resolved that when this Board adjourn they will adjourn to meet on Monday next 4 Oclock—Whereupon the Board adjourned to Monday next 4 Oclock.

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[196] Special Meeting In Common Council March 7th 1825.
Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistant
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Wm Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Jameson Cox
Asa Mann	Danl E Dunscomb
Jacob B Taylor	William P Rathbone
William A Davis	
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition from a number of Inhabitants and Freeholders of the 8th & 9th Wards requesting the Common Council to take preparatory measures for the establishing a Basin in the Hudson river at the foot of Christopher Street was [197] read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A petition of Jacob Day for Office of Assist to Capt of City Watch of 3d Dist. was referred to Watch Committee.

A Similar petition from James Seguine was referred to the same Committee.

A petition of William C Redfield Agent for the Connecticut river Steam Boat Company, praying that a wharf suitable for the accommodation of said Steam Boat may be rented to them—was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers & Slips

A remonstrance of the Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the City of New York against opening Cedar Street from William Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of George Weeks and others praying that Arden Street may be regulated and paved was referred to the Street Committee

A petition of Duncan Campbell praying that Stall No 3 Greenwich Market may be [198] assigned to him—was referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial of the Trustees of the Economical School in the City of New York was presented stating that said School was incorporated on the 16th March 1810 for the education of the Children of the French Emigrants resident here of which The Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen were constituted ex officio Members of the Society—That the benefits of the Society were extended to children of the Inhabi-

tants of the City—That from various causes the Income of the Society having become inadequate to the expences—they have been obliged to dismiss the Teacher and to close the School—That they are now indebted to the Teacher and to other Individuals in the sum of about $433^{9}/_{100}$ which they have not funds to discharge and they therefore pray the Corporation to assume the payment of the same—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial from Samuel B Romaine and others praying the passage of a Law for the preservation of Game by introducing by Law the Sale or exposing for Sale in any of the Public Markets of this City [199] any Heath Hens between the first of January and the 2d Wednesday in September, any Partridge or Quail between the first of February and 25th September, and any Woodcock between the first of Febr^{y} and first of July in each year—Which having been read was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of John Moore Lessee of Lot on Chatham St. stating that he has received notice informing that the ground occupied by him was wanting for public purposes remonstrating against the same—And a Petition of the same nature from Andrew Mercein was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Patrick Fury for Office of Keeper of Park or Battery was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

The Street Committee on the petition that Slote Lane be improved and Straightened reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry owners of property at and near Sloat Lane, requesting that said Sloat Lane may be improved & straightened by taking a small gore from [200] the Store and Lot N^{o} 123 Pearl Street.

Report that in their Opinion the improvement asked for, would if carried into effect be of considerable advantage to that neighborhood and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the same carried into effect.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Sam^{l} St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the petition of Peter M Granger to transfer Stall N° 16 Washington Market to George Goodheart reported in favour of the same as follows, viz

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter M Granger praying permission to transfer the Stand N° 16 Washington Market, now occupied by him, to George Goodheart, and of said George Goodheart that he may be allowed to receive said transfer, beg leave respectfully to report.

[201] That M^r Goodheart, is a licensed Butcher and a man of good character, and the Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Philip Hone
W^m H Ireland
(Signed) Matthew Reed
D. E. Dunscomb
Tho^s Bolton

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom had been referred back their Report on the petitions of John Field presented the following report.

The Finance Committee to whom their former Report on the several petitions of John Field was referred back for reconsideration

Respectfully Report. That they have taken into serious consideration the several petitions of M^r Field, and their former Report hereto annexed, and that they have also heard the further Representations made in behalf of M^r Field, and that they have seen nothing to induce them to recede from their former Report on that subject. They therefore Report that they adhere to their former [202] Report, and recommend the passage of the Resolutions accompanying their said former Report, presented to this Board on the 28^th February last.

Respectfully Submitted.

Asa Mann
W^m H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Sam^l Cowdrey
W^m Burtsell.

The Report of the Committee presented on 28^th February and referred back to them was as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the several petitions of John Field, that the petitioners is the present holder or assignee

of a Lease of certain premises at the corner of Chatham & Duane Streets, which was granted by the Corporation in 1804, to Susannah Bailey for 21 Years at $320 per Annum. That the Lease will expire on the first of May next, and upon the Application of Mr Field your Committee agreed to accept an annual rent of $550, for the renewal of the Lease for the next 21 years—but that it appears Mr Field is unwilling to pay such rent, and now wishes the board to refer, the matter to arbitrators to determine [*] what amount of rent ought to be paid. Your Committee cannot but give it as their deliberate opinion that it is altogether inexpedient to refer this matter to the decision of any persons whomsoever. According to the terms of the Lease, Mr Field is bound to accept of a renewal of it, on such terms as the board may think fit to prescribe, otherwise the board are bound to pay for the buildings upon the premises, the value of which buildings is to be fixed by persons to be appointed by the respective parties. But there is nothing in the Lease to countenance the idea that referees are to fix the amount of rent upon a renewal of the Lease—and for the board to submit such a matter to the decision of appraisers would be, in the opinion of Your Committee setting a precedent, of which the evil consequences would soon be experienced—If the Lessee does not choose to accept a renewal of the Lease upon proper Terms, he has only to surrender the premises, & claim a compensation for the buildings, to be valued according to the Lease—Your Committee upon reconsidering this matter, are of the opinion that the terms affixed by them to Mr Field for a renewal of the Lease, were liberal and proper; and they [204] cannot feel themselves justified in offering to renew the lease on any other terms

The rent fixed by Your Committee is as before stated, viz $550 per Annum—and the rent of the Lease to Mr Schieffelin (near to the premises in question.) which expires at the same time, is a certain proof that Your Committee have not required too much rent from Mr Field—Indeed upon the principle by which the rent is fixed in the Case of Schieffelin, the rent fixed in the Case of Mr Field is rather too low than high—Mr Schieffelin has a front on Chatham Street of 50 feet and is to pay $750, whereas Mr Field has a front both on Duane & Chatham Streets (viz 50 feet 8 inches on Duane Street and 33 feet 4 inches on Chatham Street) and was required only to pay $550 rent—The rent required from Mr Field, Your Committee repeat, is a fair and proper sum of money, which ought to be accepted by him, But inasmuch as Mr Field appears to be unwilling to accept

* New page, not numbered.—ED.

a renewal of the lease on the terms proposed, it only remains for this Board to offer to pay for the buildings on the premises agreeably to the old Lease, Your Committee therefore offer for the consider [205] ation of the Board the following Resolutions.

1 Resolved, that it is inexpedient to submit the question of rent to Appraisers, as requested by Mr Field

2 Resolved, that the Comptroller (in case Mr Field does not before next monday, agree in writing to accept a renewal of the above mentioned lease, according to the terms prescribed by the Committee), be and he is hereby authorised and directed to appoint a proper person on the part of this board to value the buildings under said Lease, and to notify Mr Field thereof, and to require him to appoint another, so that the buildings may be valued and paid for according to the Lease.

Asa Mann.
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland.

The first Resolution in the Report of the 28 Febr^{y} was agreed to, upon taking the question on the 2d Resolution—it passed in the negative—It was then moved that the rent instead of $550 as proposed in the Report of the Committee be $500 which was agreed to—It was then moved that the Lease be renewed to Mr Field for the period of Twenty One Years—the question being taken on the same and a division having been called by Alderman Ireland [206] the Members Voted as follows.

Affirmative, Alderman King, Webb, Reed, Taylor, Davis and Ostrander, Mr Hone, Agnew, Burtsell, Dunscomb, and Rathbone. 11

Negative, Wyckoff, Ireland, Cowdrey and Mann. Mr Bolton St. John and Cox. 7

Whereupon the same was carried in the affirmative.

The Lease to Mr Schieffeline which was at the last meeting laid for consideration was called up and referred back to the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee on the request of J G Swift and others Commissioners &c for an advance of $1500 reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication from Genl Swift and Professors Adrain & Renwick, the Commissioners appointed to establish the permanent regulation of the Streets & Avenues South of Thirty fourth Street.

Respectfully Report, That the Commissioners apply to have the

Sum of fifteen hundred dollars placed at their disposal, to be drawn for as they may need it. for [207] the purpose of defraying the expences attendant on a discharge of their duties: This application the Committee think ought to be granted, and they therefore submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller prepare a warrant in favour of Joseph G Swift, Robert Adrain and James Renwick for such sums as may be required from time to time not exceeding Fifteen hundred dollars in the whole, and that interest be charged on such advances, and added to the assessment to be made therefor

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The finance Committee on the petition of Peter G Stuyvesant for a Water Grant Reported as follows, viz.

The finance Committee on the annexed petition of Peter G Stuyvesant, praying to know the terms upon which he can obtain a water grant in front of his property on the [208] East river—Respectfully Report—That Mr Stuyvesants property lies nearly altogether North of Fourteenth Street, which was the termination of the permanent line agreed upon by the Board at the last meeting. The Committee have therefore directed the Street Commissioner to extend the permanent line in a Straight line from Fourteenth Street to Twenty third Street, and they now submit the Map on which the same is laid down to the Board for their approval. Fourteenth Street being also the boundary of the rates of Quit rent determined by the Board at the last meeting, The Committee recommend that from Fourteenth Street to Twenty third Street, calculated upon an average of the front and rear lines, and extending to the permanent line, there shall be paid per foot.

From the present time to				1 May	1840	30	Cents
"	1st May	1840	to 1	Do	1850	60	"
"	1 Do	1850	to 1	Do	1860	90	"
"	1 Do	1860	forever			$1.20	

They recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1 Resolved, That the plan of the permanent line on the East

River from Fourteenth Street to Twenty third Street [209] And the Streets as laid down in the Map or plan submitted herewith to the Board, be and the same is hereby confirmed and approved of.

2d Resolved, That the above rates of quit rent be, and the Same are hereby approved of, and established by this Board.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell.

Whereupon the plan was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

The Counsel presented the following Report.

The Counsel respectfully Reports to the Board that Jacob P Roome, the Superintendant of Repairs has been prosecuted by Mr William Denning, for removing the fence which enclosed a part of Washington St. As this Act was done by order of the Board, the Counsel Reports it to the Board, in order that they may take such measures as may be necessary.

respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the Counsel was directed to appear in & defend the said Suit.

[210] The City Inspector presented the following Report on the complaint respecting the deposite of Manure at intersection of Grand, Division and Harman Street.

The City Inspector reports of the petition of sundry Inhabitants residing near the intersection of Grand, Division and Harman Sts, respecting Manure deposited there, which was referred to him, at the last meeting of the Board.

That, he has examined the place, and finds that the contractors of manure have deposited the manure there, remote from dwellings. That they are removing the same, and they state, that before the 1st of May next, it will all be removed.

As the Law does not interdict the deposit before that period, and little annoyance can result till then—he offers no Ordinance. At the same time, he suggests the propriety of renewing the Law to inter-

dict the deposit of Manure at all seasons, so as that the Contractors hereafter may know, and be obliged to conform to their Contract.

Respectfully Submitted

Geo. Cuming, City Inspr

Whereupon the same was accepted and ordered to be filed.

[211] The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No	1	J Campbell	Occupt	No	5	Anthony St	A privy
	2	W. Randall	Do	"	11	"	do
	3	J Wines	Do	"	15	"	do
	4	J H Moore	Do	"	17	"	do
	5	M *Dumany*[Dumesnel]	Do	"	19	"	do
	6	J Hall	Do	"	29	"	do
	7	J Lynn	Do	"	37	"	do
	8	J Rich	Do	"	41	"	do
	9	J Cooper	Do	"	43	"	do
	10	C Burdett	Do	"	49	"	do
	11	J Press	Do	"	55	"	do
	12	T Kendell	Do	"	57	"	do
	13	J McKarr	Do	"	59	"	do
	14	J McGoldrick	Do	"	63	"	do
	15	P Bremond	Do	"	65	"	do
	16	G Painter	Do	"	67	"	do
	17	T McGuire	Do	"	53	Augustus.	do
	18	A Bustard	Do	"	55	"	do
	19	Js J Higgins	Do	"	168	Bowery	do
	20	N Holmes	Do	"	170	"	do
	21	Wm Rode	Do	"	172	"	do
	22	C H Hall	Do	"	138	"	do
	23	P. Pellet	Do	"	140	"	do
	24	J Whitechurch	Do		142	"	do
	25	[212] L & W Skidmore	Do		127	Chatham	"
	26	W Dennis	Do		140	Duane	"
	27	Jno O B Richards	Do		142	"	"
	28	J Thomas	Do		166	"	"
	29	J. Saunders	Do		168	"	"
	30	S Shaddee	Do		170	"	"
	31	Wm Crady	Do		172	"	"
	32	Saml Anderson	Do		174	"	"
	33	P Constant	Do		176	"	"
	34	R Hicks	Do		214	"	"
	35	J Shaw	Do		216	"	"
	36	E Potter	Do		222	"	"
	37	P Remsen	Do		109	Pearl	"

38	Wm Crum	Occupt	99	Reed	A privy
39	F Marriotte	Do	111	"	"
40	D Williams	Do	139	"	"
41	S Lawrence	Do	141	"	"
42	L Hoffman.	Do	143	"	"
43	J Williams	Do	147	"	"
44	J Gifford	Do	149	"	"
45	G Fanander	Do	10	Thomas	"
46	Wm Swan	Do	1	Warren	"
47	Js Beard.	Do	33	"	"
48	J Wilkinson	Do	37	"	"
49	J Marander	Do	55	"	"

Respectfully Submitted

Geo Cuming City Inspr

[213] The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of J Bayard for permission to erect an awning reported against the same as follows.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of J Bayard praying that Special permission may be granted him to erect an Awning in front of his Store forthwith, and to be continued until the first of November, Respectfully Reports. That by Ordinance no Awnings are permitted to be erected before the first day of April and to be removed on the 1st day of November in every year—that the case of the petitioner is precisely the same with hundreds of other citizens, and can see no good reason for granting him special permission, or for amending the ordinance—and therefore thinks it inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioner.

All which is respectfully submitted,

R Graves St Commr

Which was accepted and ordered to be filed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for digging and regulating Bancker Street from Montgomery St to Gouverneur Street which was passed and John Targee, Benjamin Prince and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors.

[214] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for digging out and regulating Montgomery Street from Lombardy to Harman Street and John Targee, Benjamin Prince and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors

Alderman Mann presented a Resolution for an Application to the Legislature to permit the monies paid into the City Treasury by the Incorporated Companies to remain for the use of the City which

was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to report the necessary Law.

Alderman Ireland presented a resolution respecting appointing an additional Clerk for the Six upper Markets, and also for appointing a public weigher for Washington Market which on being read was referred to the Market Committee.

Alderman Cowdrey presented the following Resolutions which were adopted.

Whereas it is represented to this Board that the Ordinances of the Common Council against the flying of Kites is not duly executed, and the safety and lives of the Citizens and Inhabitants are thereby endangered—Therefore

[215] Resolved, That the different Street Inspectors be and they are hereby specially directed to cause all violations against the said Ordinance to be reported for prosecution.

Resolved, That the Attorney of the Board be authorised to pay over the whole amount or any part of fines to the Street Inspectors giving information of violations as above directed to the said Attorney.

Resolved, That the Clerk furnish to each of the Street Inspectors a copy of these Resolutions and that they be published

Resolved, That the subject of Hogs running at large be referred to the Police Committee with a view to ascertain and report what amendments may be necessary to the Laws and Ordinances of this Board respecting the same.

Alderman King presented the following which was adopted. Whereas the various Laws of this State creating exemptions of numerous classes of Citizens from serving on Juries have become burthensome to the few who remain subject to such duty and are calculated to embarrass the due administration of Justice. Therefore

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to enquire [216] and Report whether any of the said Laws require to be repealed or modified.

Mr Hone presented a Resolution directing the Walk around the public Workshop to be regulated and flagged, Which was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Ireland presented a Resolution as to placing Posts and Chains around the Grass plots in the Park and to raking the Manure spread thereon, Which was referred to the Committee on Lands & places

His Honor the Mayor presented a Report made by the Judiciary

Committee of the Senate to that body on the petition of John W Wyman former Clerk of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer & General Gaol delivery and of the General Sessions of the Peace in and for the City and County of New York respecting a Balance claimed to be due to him. Which was directed to be laid on the Table—And the Mayor was requested to endeavour to procure the Draught of the Law which was reported by said Committee and accompanied said Report.

[217] The Report of the Committee of Wharves piers and Slips on the petition of Henry Eckford and others that the Slip between Stanton and Rivington Street may be filled up to Rivington Street which was presented last meeting and laid for consideration was now called up & being read was in the words following.

The Committee on Wharves piers & Slips to whom was referred the petition of Henry Eckford and others praying that the Slip between Rivington and Stanton Street may be *be* filled up to Mangin Street. Report that on viewing the premises they are convinced that the present state of that Slip renders it a Nuisance to that Neighbourhood, and ought to be remedied immediately, that in its present Condition it affords no accommodation to Vessels, not even Boats of the smallest size, and that there appears to be no remedy but that of filling up the Slip to Mangin Street, where there will be a sufficient depth of Water—Your Committee would therefore recommend that a Bulkhead be built across the Slip on the Easterly line of Mangin Street and the intermediate space from Goerick Street to Mangin Street be filled up—that Mr Eckford who holds the grant on the one side thereof and Mr Depeyster on the other be directed to unite with this [218] Corporation in building and extending piers on each side of the Slip to Tompkins Street so as to form a convenient Basin.

Your Committee beg leave to call the Attention of this Board to one important circumstance attending this improvement that in filling the space contemplated, it will make one entire Block of Ground of four hundred by two hundred feet containing thirty two full lots, and which if necessary may be Sold for a sum exceeding all the Cost of the proposed improvement—they accordingly submit the following resolutions

Resolved, That a Bulkhead be built across the Slip between Rivington Street and Stanton on the Easterly side of Mangin Street and that the Space be filled up from Goerick Street to the said Bulkhead, and that such Grounds when filled, be disposed of to meet the expence of filling & building Piers.

Resolved, that Piers be built on the Northerly and Southerly Sides

of the Slip and that Henry Eckford and Frederick Depeyster be directed to unite with this Corporation in building the Same.

John Webb
Asa Mann
Signed Matthew Reed
Will[m] H Ireland
[219] John Agnew

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the petition for dividing the Tenth Ward which was presented on the 14[th] of February last was called up and after some discussion was referred back to the same Committee.

On Motion of M[r] Bolton. Resolved, That Robert James Crommeline have leave to withdraw the petition by him presented on 31[st] January last in relation to a Lot corner of Wall and Broad Streets.

The Report of the finance Committee on the Petition praying for an alteration in the present system of collecting Wharfage presented at the last meeting & laid for consideration was now called up and after some discussion was referred back to the Committee on Finance.

The Board adjourned to Monday next at 4 Oclock p. M.

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[221] In Common Council March 14[th] 1825

Present. The Hon[ble] William Paulding Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry T Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Sam[l] St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Sam[l] Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Asa Mann	Josiah Hedden
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
Gideon Ostrander	Dan[l] E Dunscomb
	Effingham Schieffelin
	Wm P Rathbone.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants praying that the Law prohibiting Hogs running at large may be so amended as to prevent them running at large in any part of the Lamp and Watch District

Which was referred to the Street Committee

[222] A petition of Messrs Kidney and Harrison for relief from penalty incurred by constructing Vaults without regular permission was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Robert Bogardus owner of Water Lot on East side of Water and Dover Streets praying to be permitted to commute for the Quit Rent reserved on the Grant and also praying that a portion of the Quit rent he has heretofore paid be refunded to him for that part of said Lot as has been taken for a Street. Referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance from the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Cedar Street against the opening and extending Cedar St to Pearl St. was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Inhabitants in Collect Street praying the Sewer in said Street may be extended from Pump to Pearl Street and the Side Walks paved from Pump to Pearl St, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition for a Well and pump at the Corner of Hudson and Burrow Sts. was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

[223] A remonstrance from the Congregation of Sherath Israel and others against opening a Street from Coenties Slip to Garden Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Robert Blake for Office of Measurer of Cut Stone and Marble was referred to the Committee on public Offices

A Memorial of the Trustees of the Charity School of the Dutch Reformed Church respecting the distribution of the School Money—was referred to the Law Committee.

A Memorial of William Rhinelander stating that he has at his own expence paved certain parts of West Street between Barclay & Murray Street Also of Robinson Street from West Street toward Washington Street—and prays that agreeably to the late Ordinance they may be hereafter repaved at the expence of the public

Which was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of the New York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company and of the proprietors & Inhabitants on the North side of the City praying that the Pier on the North Side of the Ferry at the foot of Courtlandt Street may be extended, Was referred to the Committee [224] on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A petition of Sundry dealers in Grain stating that the City Sealers half bushel does not correspond with that of the State Sealer at Albany

and praying the Common Council would make an enquiry into the subject was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A petition of Eleazer Hull for the Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures was referred to the Committee on Applications for office.

A petition from Andres Van Orden for Office of Keeper of the Park was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A petition from a number of Inhabitants of the City stating that they are informed an application has been made to the Legislature for an extension of the Jurisdiction of the Marine Court and that a remonstrance against the same has also been made—They are of opinion that the Civil business of the Court would with great propriety be transferred to the several Justices Courts in the City and they suggest that a Court be constituted specially for the Trial of Marine [225] Causes—and they request the Common Council will take measures therefor—The Same having been read was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

A petition of sundry Inhabitants of Greenwich praying that a public pier may be run out at the foot of Perry Street on the North River for the accommodation of the Inhabitants in the vicinity was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A petition of Ephraim Beman for Office of Keeper of the Park was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A petition of Patrick Rourke for Office of Keeper of the Battery was referred to the same Committee.

A petition for a Well and pump at the South East corner of Hudson Street and Fitzroy road was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 9th Ward and Street Commisr

A petition of John D, Ditmus of Jamaica Long Island was received Stating that he is owner of a Lot formerly known as Lot No 89 of the Collect Lots—but the Deed from [226] the Corporation of 22d April 1812 to Samuel Thompson cannot be found—That the Deed is on record in the Books of the Comptroller of the Corporation—He therefore prays a new Deed may be made to him or that a Quit Claim be executed to him to enable him to make a title to the premises—The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Herman Martine for Office of Turnkey at the Penitentiary, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Similar petition from Joseph Tyson was referred to the same Committee.

A Similar petition from Jacob Hardenbrook with recommendations in his behalf was referred to the Same Committee.

A Communication was received from Benjamin Prince Esq[r] public Administrator accompanied by the Draught of a Bill proposed to be presented to the Legislature to be enacted into a Law amendatory of the Law relative to the Office of Public Administrator in the City of New York, which was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

[227] A remonstrance against the petition for opening a Square or Public place at the junction of Grand Harman and Division Streets was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Simon Fleet for Office of Dep. Clerk of the Six upper Markets was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Jacob P Roome to purchase a Lot of ground lying on the West Side of Mercer Street between Prince and Houston Streets was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Thomas Varian & Christian Hurtell Lessees of Cellar N[o] 4 under Catharine Market for reduction of Rent as the occupation of the Same was not given to them at the time agreed upon was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Abraham Hearlth for relief from a Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Jonathan Peck to lease a Birth at Fulton Slip for the Steam Boat Linneas was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

[228] A petition of Sundry Merchants, Grocers. and others to have an additional Sealer of Weights and Measures appointed was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A petition of Benjamin Watson Register of Dogs praying that he may be allowed to retain the sum collected by him for his services in executing the Law relative to Dogs was referred to the Committee on Laws.

Alderman King presented to the Board a Law of the United States, entitled an Act fixing the place for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the District of New York passed 3[d] March 1825

Which was referred to the Committee on public Offices

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Letter from Egbert Benson to him dated 15[th] February 1825, Stating that the Gouvnor of this State had made a communication to the Legislature on the subject of a request of the Legislature of New Jersey to Appoint Commission-

ers to Settle the Territorial limits and jurisdiction of the State of New York and the State of New Jersey that the same had been referred to a Committee and a Bill [229] had on the 4th February been reported to the Senate on the subject. That considering it as involving of great and important matters in relation to the port of New York he had felt it his duty to make the communication—Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature—And the Mayor was requested to Write to Judge Benson and return him the thanks of this Common Council for the attention he has paid by his communication to the interests of the City.

A Letter was received from the Trustees of the Free School Society enclosing a proposition relative to the disposition of the Free School and Common School fund, which was referred to the Law Committee.

A petition from Philip Brasher and others praying that Crosby Street may be opened and extended from Bleecker to Fourth Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Sundry Owners of property between Broadway and the Bowery praying that a Street may be opened from Fourth to Sixth Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

[230] A Petition of Wm D Hughes to be appointed Assistant Capt of third Watch District was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Similar petition from Daniel Vail was referred to the same Committee.

A petition of Joshua Sands for a Water Grant of a part of the Brooklyn shore of 100 feet which in 1804 had been reserved for a Slip but which he understands the Corporation will not improve for that purpose—Which being read was referred to the Finance Committee

A petition of Samuel Purdy for relief from a fine incurred by not removing earth from a side walk which had been thrown upon the same while Petitioner was building and which Petitioner was presented by snow and frost from removing—the same being read was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition from the Inhabitants near Fulton Market requesting that Steps might be made at the Entrance of the Centre of the East Wing of the Market—which was referred to the Market Committee.

[231] A petition of Davis Hunt for appointment as Assistant Clerk to the Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of the Inhabitants of the 9th Ward for the Appointment of Nathl Holmes and John Higham as damage Viewers & Abraham

Vermilyea as pound Master in the 9th Ward—which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

A Remonstrance against persons selling Hay and Straw in the Bowery and praying a place may be assigned for the sale of those articles was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

A petition of J O Woodruff for Office of Keeper of the Penitentiary was referred to the Committee on Application for Office.

It being stated that William Hooghland the late Keeper of the Penitentiary had departed this life and that the Law required the immediate appointment of a person to take charge of the Prison it was moved that Arthur Burtis the present Superintendant of the Alms House be appointed for that purpose—this being objected to, Alderman [232] Ireland presented a Resolution which he withdrew to give place to the following, presented by Alderman King as follows

Resolved, That ———— be and he is hereby appointed Keeper of the Penitentiary during the pleasure of the Board which was agreed to, and the Board proceeded by Ballot to fill the vacancy when J O Woodruff was duly chosen

Mr Hone then presented a Resolution that the Board will at the next meeting go into the appointment of a Keeper of the Penitentiary which was read and laid on the Table.

The Finance Committee to whom had been referred back their Report on the subject of the Rates of Wharfage and the Law proposed by them presented a Report

The Report made by them on the 28th of February was as follows

The finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of the owners and occupants of property situate in the vicinity of Washington Market, praying for an alteration in the present system of collecting wharfage, Respectfully Report.

That they have had the said petition, and the subject of wharfage as now [233] collected, under serious considerations, and they are of opinion that the experience of the last year has shewn, that the present system of wharfage requires attention, as is frequently the case in new plans, it has been found that the regulations for the paying of Wharfage by the day, as they at present exist, have not produced the effect calculated upon, and that they may be modified in a manner which will advance the interests both of this Corporation, and of the inhabitants of this City, without at the same time bearing hardly or unjustly on the proprietors of Vessels. In order that the views of this Committee may be distinctly understood, the Counsel of the Board has, under their direction, prepared the draft of a Law, which

may be considered as a revision of the existing laws on this subject, and of which the principal feature differing from the present laws is the power given to the owners & masters of Vessels to Commute, by One Annual payment, for the present daily payment—Such commutation merely to extend to the district, the lessee of which shall receive the commutation. This Commutation, the Committee propose, shall be graduated in the following manner: Each Vessel entering in the first quarter of the year shall pay Sixty Cents per ton [234] each Vessel entering in the second quarter of the Year shall pay forty five Cents per ton—each Vessel entering the third quarter shall pay thirty Cents per ton, and each Vessel entering in the last quarter of the year shall pay fifteen Cents per ton. This alteration the Committee believe, will render every Class of Citizens satisfied.

Respectfully Submitted

Asa Mann
Sam[l] Cowdrey
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
W[m] H Ireland
W[m] Burtsell

The Report presented by them at this Meeting was as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully Report that they have re-examined the Law respecting Wharfage which was referred back to them—And they submit the same, as they have amended it, to the Board. The amendments are not of material importance, but are necessary to carry into effect, the views of your Committee, and of the Board, in relation to the proposed mode of collecting wharfage—with these amendments your Committee recommend that the said Law be passed

Asa Mann
W[m] H Ireland
[235] (Signed) Sam[l] Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
William Burtsell

The Board then proceeded to consider the Law proposed by them, and having gone through the same by Paragraphs the same was amended and passed under the Title of "a Law to regulate the Lying of Vessels at the public Wharves and in the Slips and to establish the rules of Wharfage."

The Finance Committee on the petition of the New York Mechanics & Scientific Institution praying for the grant of a Lot of ground reported against the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed memorial of the Managers of the New York Mechanic & Scientific Institution, That the Memorialists have, as they state, petitioned the Legislature to relinquish the Arsenal Ground separated from the main Lot (on which the building stands,) by the continuation of White Street; and they now petition this Corporation (as that part of the lot, if relinquished, will revert to them) to grant the same to the said Mechanic and Scientific Institution, in [236] order that they may erect thereon a suitable building for the use of that Institution.

Your Committee, however they may estimate the value and utility of that respectable Institution, cannot consider it expedient to grant the prayer of the Memorial. If the State relinquishes its right to the whole or a part of the premises now occupied as an arsenal, the same becomes the property of this Corporation, and your Committee think that they could not be justified in recommending the board to release its title or interest in these premises according to the memorial now under consideration.

They therefore offer for the consideration of the board the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of the Trustees of the Economical School to assume the payment of debts owing by the Institution reported against the petition as follows

[237] The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of the Trustees of the Society of the Economical School in the City of New York, That the Petitioners wish the Corporation to pay off a debt of $433 $^{91}/_{100}$ which is owing by that Institution—because the members of the Common Council are members ex officio *members* of that Institution—Your Committee can not but think, that it would be unwise to comply with the prayer of the petitioners—The principle could not be sanctioned by the Board, that they are to be responsible for the arrearages of institutions, however meritorious—The circumstance of the members of the board belonging to the Institution, is an immaterial one, because their being members was not a

provision made with their assent or upon the application of this corporation—Under these circumstances, Your Committee feel it to be their duty to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[238] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petitions of John Moore and Andrew Mercein on the subject of their Leases for Lots in Chatham Street reported against the prayers of the petitioners as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petitions of John Moore and Andrew Mercein—That the petitioners are lessees of property on Chatham Street, and have been duly notified to quit the same on the first of May next—but that the petitioners seem to think, that this Board do not require the premises or any part thereof for a public purpose, and therefore expect relief, The Lease[s] are determinable whenever the premises or a part thereof shall be required for a public purpose. The Lessees took the Leases on these terms—By a resolution of this Board passed sometime since, part of said premises are to be appropriated to widen and straighten Chatham Street, and it is quite probable that the whole of the premises will be applied to public purposes at the same time that the Street is to be widened. At all events, it is well understood that the property in question will be applied to public purposes, altho' there has been some difference of opinion in the board, as to the manner [239] of appropriating these premises to the public use—The Lessees having held these premises since 1812, they have no right to complain, There has been no haste on the part of the board in making the contemplated improvements, which have become necessary, and are very much desired by the neighbourhood, and by the Citizens generally—The leases are to terminate on the first day of May next—And Your Committee do not think that the lessees, under all the circumstances of the case, ought to consider themselves as entitled to relief at the hands of the Board. On the contrary the Board has acted in good faith, and the leases are to terminate agreeably to the intention of the parties, and the terms and conditions of the Leases—Your Committee

therefore offer for the consideration of the Board, the following resolutions.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[240] The Finance Committee on the petition of Rachel Arden for payment awarded to persons unknown by the Commissioners on regulating 5th Avenue reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Rachel Arden, That the petitioner wishes the Board to pay to her the sum of $55 allowed by the Commissioners for opening the 5th Avenue for certain premises taken for that purpose—The Commissioners reported the owners of this piece of land as being unknown—Considering the small amount of this award, and that Mrs Arden is responsible for that sum of money, Your Committee recommend to the Board the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that upon Mrs Ardens executing a proper Bond of Indemnity to the Corporation, which shall be approved by the Counsel of this Board, The Street Commissioner report through the Comptroller a Warrant for the said sum in favour of Mrs Arden.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
[241] Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of John R Soper Lessee of 3d District of Wharves piers and Slips for relief. reported against the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully Report on the annexed petition of John R Soper lessee of the third District of the public Wharves, That the petitioner, on the ground that the middle pier of Albany basin was not completed as soon as he expected, claims relief—

But your Committee do not consider that Mr Soper had any assurance that the pier was to be completed by any given period—They think, that Mr Soper was required to assume the risk of the basin, as it then was, and the Corporation were to build the middle pier, but not within any fixed time—There are no circumstances in the case of Mr Soper, which induce your Committee to believe that he is entitled to relief, On the contrary, they think that he ought to comply with his contract promptly and faithfully—They therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the board the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant [242] the prayer of the petitioner

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee presented the following additional Report on the subject of Water Grants proposing to extend the same to Tompkins Street as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report to the Board, that at the last regular meeting, Tompkins Street, as laid down on a Map then approved by the Board, having been adopted as the exterior line of the improvements in that part of the City above Stanton Street, Your Committee are of the opinion that the water grants in that vicinity ought to extend to and include said Street as laid down on said Map—Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, that the Counsel in preparing the grants to Charles Henry Hall, Nicholas W. Stuyvesant, Nicholas Fish and others extend the premises granted to [243] Tompkins Street, and including the same, agreeably to said Map, and according to the several resolutions heretofore passed as to those grants.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the subject of the Lease to Jacob Schieffelin of Lots N° 61-63 Chatham Street referred to them presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the Lease to Jacob Schieffelin, That after fully considering this matter, they are of the opinion that the rent ought to be Seven Hundred dollars, instead of Seven Hundred and fifty dollars—Your Committee have agreed to this reduction upon the principal of the reduction made by the Board in the case of M^r^ Field—according to the amount of rent fixed in that case, it is the opinion of the Committee that M^r^ Schieffelin's rent ought not to be more than the above mentioned sum of Seven hundred [244] dollars, And the circumstance that M^r^ Schieffelin agreed to the rent of $750 as formerly required by the Committee, (he then being sick, and confined to his house at Manhattanville) ought not to be any reason against granting him a lease upon terms equally favourable with those granted to an adjoining lessee—On the contrary, Your Committee are satisfied that M^r^ Schieffelin accepted the terms offered by them relying that they would be as favourable to him as to any other, in fixing the rent—Inasmuch as the reduction in the case of M^r^ Field has taken place, Your Committee have according to the directions of the board, reconsidered the question as to the rent of M^r^ Schieffelin, and they have arrived at the conclusion above stated, and therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel of the Board alter the lease agreeably to this Report, and that his honor the Mayor be authorised to execute the same during the recess of the Board.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
W^m^ H Ireland
[245] (Signed) Sam^l^ Cowdrey
William Burtsell

Which was approved & the Lease directed to be duly executed.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Arden Street presented a report in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of George Weeks and others, praying that Arden Street may be regulated and paved. Report that in their opinion the request of the peti-

tioners ought to be granted—and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for paving Cannon Street reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom the annexed resolution was referred, Report that they are [246] of the opinion that the subject embraced in said Resolution ought to be carried into effect, accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That Cannon Street be regulated and paved from Broome to North Street, and the side thereof be graveled.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition for paving West Street from Murray to Duane St. reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee report on the petition to have West Street regulated and paved from Murray Street to Duane Street.

Report, that it is in their opinion highly necessary to have that Street paved, as it is in its present state almost impassable and that it is also necessary that Warren Street and Chambers Street should be regulated and paved from Washington to West Street and accordingly offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that West Street be regulated [247] and paved from Murray to Duane Street, & so much of Warren and Chamber Streets as may be necessary to make them conform to the regulation of West Street.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to regulate and pave Ridge Street between Broome and Delancey Streets reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Morgan Lewis and others for permission to regulate and pave Ridge Street from Broome to Delancey Street, stating that they have entered into a contract with a M[r] Fitch to perform the work for them,

Report That they understand the wish of the petitioners to be, that they may be permitted to pave the Street without Ordinance or Assessment, and yet that it may be done under the direction of the proper officer of the Board, all which your Committee deem to be improper and ought not to be granted.

Your Committee however recommend that [248] an Ordinance be passed for the paving Ridge Street from Broome to Delancey Street, in the usual way through the Office of the Street Commissioner, and accordingly Submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That Ridge Street be regulated and paved from Broome to Delancey Street and that an Ordinance be passed accordingly.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the subject of appointing a Measurer of Stone and Marble presented the following Report.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of a number of Master Stone and Marble Cutters praying that a Measurer of these articles may be appointed

Report, That from the investigation which your Committee have bestowed on this subject it appears that great inconvenience has for a long time been felt as well by those who furnish as those who purchase cut Stone and marble [249] for buildings in this City, owing to the great difficulty and skill required in the admeasurement after such materials become incorporated with the building.

This inconvenience will naturally be extended in the same ratio with the increase of buildings in this large and growing City, and in the opinion of your Committee is of sufficient importance to call for the interposition of the Municipal Government.

The petitioners are desirous that a Measurer should be appointed, whose judgement shall be decisive between the parties—At first view it will be doubted whether the Common Council can confer such powers without Legislative aid, but upon an inspection of the Charter it will be found that its provisions are in this respect very ample, in page 62. power is delegated to the Common Council to pass "such laws as may seem to them good or necessary for the government of all artificers, inhabitants and residents of the City and how their factors, servants and apprentices in their functions and business shall use, carry and behave themselves."

Again in page 73 the Common Council are specially authorized among other things to appoint by warrant under the Common Seal or otherwise one or more measurers of grain, [250] Salt, and all other "commodities." From the extensive signification of the latter word, it would seem that this power extends to every species of Wares and merchandize, or things bought and Sold.

It is under this clause of the Charter your Committee apprehend that Inspectors of Wood and various other officers have heretofore been appointed by the Common Council.

Your Committee do therefore recommend that a Law be passed for the appointment of such Officer prescribing his duties and limiting his compensation, and to that end they respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel of this Board be directed to prepare the draft of an Ordinance in Conformity with the principles of the foregoing Report, and that he present the same at the next regular meeting.

All which is submitted by

E W King
Jameson Cox
(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] St John
Sam[l] Cowdrey

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[251] The Watch Committee to whom had been referred the several petitions for the Office of Cap[t] of the City Watch of the 3[rd] District presented the following Report.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the several Applicants for the Office of Captain of the third District Watch

Report that they have had the same under consideration, and state for the information of the Board that the Petitioners are all well recommended, Your Committee are led to believe, that the intention of the referance was for them to recommend a suitable person, to discharge the duties required by Law, and in making that selection they have been governed by the principle, that merit always deserves its reward, they find on the Watch of the third District, a man whom your Committee believe every way qualified, to discharge the important duties required, he having served as Assistant under the late Captain Brower for a number of Years—they therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Cornelius Stagg be and he is hereby appointed Captain of the third District Watch in the place of Cap^{t} B[r]ower Deceased,

Jameson Cox
W^{m} Burtsell
(Signed) Philip Hone

[252] Whereupon the same was approved, the Resolution adopted and Cornelius Stagg was appointed accordingly.

Petitions of Daniel Vail and William B Hughes for Office of Assistant of 3^{d} district Watch were presented and referred to the Watch Committee—And it was Resolved that the petitions for Office of Cap^{t} of 3rd District Watch heretofore presented and not acted upon be taken into consideration by the Committee with the petitions for Office of Assistant

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the Communication of John Woodward Esq^{r} Clerk of the City and County of New York on the subject of filing the oaths of Office taken by the Officers of the Corporation presented the following Report.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred an application of John Woodward Esq. Clerk of the City, requesting the construction of this Board, upon that part of the Statute concerning Oaths, relating to the Office in which the rolls of Oaths taken by the Alderman of this City, ought to be filed,

Report, That the rolls of these Oaths, have been heretofore uniformly deposited, [253] together with the rolls of Oaths taken by the Assistants and other City Officers elected under the Charter, in the Office of the Clerk of the Common Council, But as by a literal construction of the Section referred to by M^{r} Woodward, though somewhat obscure in itself, and especially so, when taken in connection

with other parts of the Statute, it may perhaps be required that these rolls should be deposited in the office of the City Clerk, the Committee are induced to propose to the Board, for its consideration, the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the rolls of Oaths taken by the Aldermen of this City, ought by law to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York

respectfully Submitted

Saml Cowdrey
(Signed) E W King
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the Resolution of the 17th January last on the subject of obtaining an abstract from the Secretary's Office of the Titles there recorded of Lands in the City of New York presented the following Report.

[254] The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred a resolution submitted to the Common Council, relating to the obtaining of an abstract from the office of the Secretary of State, of all Deeds and Mortgages recorded there, relating to or comprehending Lands in this City and County.

Report, That they have duly considered the subject matter of the said resolution, and have ascertained that such an abstract as is therein mentioned, would be extremely advantageous to the proprietors of real Estate, if the same were obtained and deposited in the Office of the register of this City and County—and that such abstract ought also to include all patents of Lands within the limits of this City. The Committee are further of Opinion that it would be a useful arrangement, if all deeds and conveyances, as well as Mortgages, were required to be recorded in the County w[h]ere the lands lie, besides being recorded in Cases where it is proper, in the Office of Secretary of State, At least such a provision ought to be extended to this City, where transfers of Title are becoming very frequent, and certainty with regard to which, is a matter of such public and general concern.

The Committee therefore propose the foll [255] owing resolutions for the consideration of the Board.

1 Resolved, That it would be expedient on the part of this Board, to apply to the Legislature for a Law, requiring first that the Secretary of State make out, and cause to be deposited with the Register of the City and County of New York, and at the expense of this Board, a certified abstract from the Records of his Office, of all such patents,

and other conveyances, and Mortgages, recorded & registered there, as relate to Lands and Premises within the limits of the Said City and County of New York, and Second that all Deeds and conveyances, as well as Mortgages, hereafter to be, executed, besides being recorded, in cases where it is proper, in the Office of the Secretary of State, be also recorded in the County where the Lands are situated, at least so far, as relates to the City and County of New York.

II Resolved, that the Counsel of this board be instructed to prepare a Memorial and Bill, embracing the objects above specified, and that his Honor the Mayor be authorized to authenticate such memorial, and transmit the same, together with the said Bill, to the Legislature, during the recess of this Board.

[256] respectfully Submitted

S Cowdrey
E W King
Thom^{s} Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom had been referred the Letter from Thomas H. Smith and Charles H. Hall on the subject of an alteration in the Health Law presented the following Report.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom the annexed Communication from Thomas H Smith was referred, respectfully report, that the provisions of the 4th Section of the Health Law applies to Vessels from Canton and Calcutta, and the Petitioner represents that the Law ought to be amended in this respect—Your Committee deeming any alteration in our Health Laws should be considered with great care and attention, having consulted Doctor Harrison Health Officer, and Doctor Walker—and they are of opinion that the Law ought to be amended as requested by M^{r} Smith.

Your Committee being of the same opinion have accordingly framed a Law, which they herewith submit to the Board—and respectfully Offer the following Resolution for consideration.

[257] Resolved, That the Counsel prepare a proper Memorial to the Legislature to accompany this Law—and that he engross the said Law—and that his Honor the Mayor authenticate and forward the same during the recess of the Board

Will^{m} Burtsell
Jacob B Taylor
Signed Thom^{s} Bolton
Philip Hone

Which was agreed to, the Resolution adopted, the Law presented and approved under the Title of an Act to amend an Act to provide against infectious and pestilential Diseases passed March 21st 1823.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom had been referred back their Report of the 14th February on the petition for dividing the Tenth Ward presented a Report accompanied with the draught of a Bill to be enacted by the Legislature into a Law which was read and after some discussion the further consideration thereof was postponed until monday next on which day it was Resolved that the Board when they adjourn will adjourn to meet, and the Law was directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

[258] The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 7

Isaac Gulick Merchant 347 Pearl Street,
Vice James Smith Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 12

Andrew Kevan Merchant 310 Pearl St.,
Vice George Went Left the City

John Mildeberger Carpenter 216 William St.
Vice John M Bloodgood time Expired.

Fire Engine Company N° 19

Charles R Curtis Grocer Cor Hester & Forsyth
Vice Anthony Fountain Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 22

George Haman Blacksmith 69 Lombardy
Vice Charles Clinton Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 23

John *Marceilus* [Marselis] Carpenter Wooster Street
Vice Lewis J Lebut joined Hook & L Co.

Peter R Warner Clerk White Street
Vice Joseph S Barker joined Engine C° N°

Fire Engine Company N° 29

Peter Chittery Silver Smith Raison St
Vice Asa W Hall Resigned

Peter Wanmaker Sadler Greenwich St
Vice Thom^{s} M Blakley Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 31

Perigrine Cumberson Smith Laurence St.

Vice Samuel W Hanley Resigned.

[259] The Counsel presented a Report that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate in the cases of extending Houston and North Streets—widening Pike Street opening 6th Avenue—widening Bancker Street, laying out & forming a Public place between the intersection of Grand, Scammel & Harman Streets—and opening First Street—Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee

The Counsel presented the following Report of the decision of the Chancellor in the suit of James Thompson which was directed to be filed

The Counsel respectfully reports, that the Chancellor has decided the suit in Chancery brought by James Thompson against the Collector of the first Ward of this City, and the Collector of the Town of Rhinebeck, in Dutchess County. This was a Bill of interpleader, both collectors claiming a personal tax from Mr Thompson, he residing during the year about the same length of time in this City and in Rhinebeck—The Chancellor has determined that Mr Thompson was legally taxed in this City, and was not liable to be taxed in Rhinebeck—He has allowed the Complainant his [260] Costs out of the fund which was paid into Court, but has not allowed Costs to either of the Defendants

As this suit was defended by the Orders of the Board, the result is respectfully communicated.

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

The Counsel presented for execution a Lease to John Field

The Counsel herewith reports a Lease for execution, to John Field of a Lot on Chatham Street, made pursuant to the directions of the board, for 21 Years from the 1st of May next, at a rent of $500.

respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the said Lease was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented a Report on subject of opening 114 Street, whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector to collect the Assessment for the same.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report on subject of Lots sold for Taxes & Assessments the term of Sale having expired

[261] The Street Commissioner herewith respectfully presents a Lists of property which has been sold for the non payment of Taxes and Assessments, the term of which Sale having expired, he would suggest the propriety of directing public notice to be given agreeably to Statute, in order that the Owners or Owner (if any there be) may shew title, and take possession thereof.

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves St. Commr

Lots Nos 927, 932, 934 Bayards East farm. East side of Mott Street, between Broome and Spring Streets.

Lots Nos 421. 422. Delancy's Farm, westerly side of Forsyth (formerly Second) Street, between Delancy and Rivington Street.

Whereupon the same was approved and he was directed to give the notice required by Law.

He also made a communication on the subject of a Water Grant to Heirs of William Edgar deceased, Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed viz

For paving Ridge Street from Broome [262] to Delancy Street and James Bleecker, Isaac Kip and John Targee were appointed Assessors

For paving Cannon Street from Broome to North Street, and Benjamin Prince, Abraham Dally and John Brower were appointed Assessors

For paving Arden Street from Herring St. to Trinity Church line and Cary Dunn Junr John Salisbury and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

For paving West Street from Murray to Duane Street and Isaac Kip, John Salisbury and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, Viz.

No	1	L Cortland	Occupant	No	14 Anthony St	A privy
	2	Mrs Miller	Do		24 "	"
	3	J Elliott	Do		34 "	"
	4	Widow Bird	Do		40 "	"
	5	S S Johnson	Do		52 "	"
	6	J Hoffman	Do		54 "	"
	7	F Stivers	Do		58 "	"

8	M McCullam	Occupant	6	Chapel	A privy
9	[263] S Baker	do	7	do	"
10	H Stevens	do	15	do	"
11	Trustees of Columbia College	Owners	19	do	"
12	Wm Dixon		21	do	"
13	Miss Rogers	Occupant	21	do	"
14	J Fash	Do	22	do	"
15	M Stymets	Do	34	do	"
16	G Harskill	Do	74	do	"
17	H Harris	Do	80	do	"
18	A Rand	Do	80	do	"
19	J Geroid	Do	82	do	"
20	Wm Brown	Do	85	do	"
21	G Steel	Do	94	do	"
22	M Davis	Do	96	do	"
23	G H Britten	Do	98	do	"
24	C Magner	Do	100	do	"
25	B Vanauler	Do	112	do	"
26	A Ward	Do	117	do	"
27	M Berry	Do	119	do	"
28	C Reilly	Do	124	do	"
29	M Ann Russell	Do	165	do	"
30	Js Gourlay	Do	172	do	"
31	J Youmans	Do	214	do	"
32	J Palmer	Do	216	do	"
33	J M Turner	Do	222	do	"
34	Wm Warner	Do	226	do	"
35	J Sharp	Do		Chapel & York	"
36	A Boyer	Do	59	Church	"
37	H Banks	Do	61	do	"
38	[264] D Fanshaw	do	63	do	do
39	J Cochran	do	64	do	do
40	Mrs Crane	do	75	do	do
41	A Nesbit	do	93	do	do
42	R Cooper	do	100	do	do
43	E Horne	do	102	do	do
44	R Hutson	do	108	do	do
45	J Clegg	do	110	do	do
46	F Dunn	do	120	do	do
47	J Henington	do	132	do	do
48	G Huyler	do	140	do	do
49	G Emmitt	do	154	do	do
50	A Husted	do	161	do	do
51	E Rowland	do	187	do	do
52	Mrs Paine	do	196	do	do
53	P Shapler	do	196½	do	do
54	J Forrester	do	199	do	do
55	E Guion	do	200	do	do

56	D Day	Occupant	206	Church	A privy
57	J Darling	do	213	do	do
58	M Flanagan	do	215	do	do
59	S Westervelt	do	217	do	do
60	M Kitchell	do	219	do	do
61	Wm White	do	221	do	do
62	A Anderson	do	234	do	do
63	L Moore	do		Church & Lispenard	do
64	N Reed	do	214	Harman	do
65	L Debaun	do	5	Leonard	do
66	D Degrout	do	13	do	do
67	[265] W Hendricks	do	14	do	do
68	R Halden	do	16	do	do
69	T Gilbert	do	17	do	do
70	L Martin	do	20	do	do
71	S Van Winkle	do	23	do	do
72	J Bertholf	do	24	do	do
73	Mrs Wall	do	25	do	do
74	J Ordronaux	do	28	do	do
75	D Scofield	do	32	do	do
76	H Jackson	do	32	do	do
77	L Taylor	do	33	do	do
78	J W Martin	do	37	do	do
79	M Banker	do	44	do	do
80	C Toms	do	50	do	do
81	J Walsh	do	52	do	do
82	J Whitman	do	56	do	do
83	G Collins	do	57	do	do
84	H Bearfield	do	58	do	do
85	A Husted	do	65	do	do
86	H Pratt	do	67	do	do
87	S Storms	do	58	Water St	do
88	L Moore	do	3	do	do
89	J Palmer	do	9	do	do
90	R G Wilson	do	169	do	do
91	J Williams	do	171	do	do
92	M Ryder	do	235	do	do
93	J Vail	do	235	do	do
94	J Smith	do	243	do	do
95	J North	do	247	do	do
96	*[265] J Johnston	do	58	Rutgers	do
97	J Re[e]il	do	17	Thomas	do
98	R Robinson	do	23	do	do
99	N Batchelor	do	43	do	do
100	Wm Loyd	Owner		Canal St	A Lot

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* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

Alderman Ostrander presented a Resolution for regulating and paving Attorney Street from Grand to North Street which was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Wyckoff presented a Resolution for flagging the Side walks in Washington St between Beaver Lane and Marketfield Street which was adopted, and the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance, agreeably thereto, which was passed and Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Junr and John Targee were appointed assessors

Alderman Wyckoff presented several Resolutions for amending the Law for removal of Filth and Dirt from the Streets, which were referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that the Report of the Street Committee on the subject of the Resolution [266] referred to them respecting the amendments of the Law for the removal of Filth and dirt from the Streets be made the order of the day on the next meeting of the Board.

A Resolution for the appointment of Joshua Sutton to the Office of Measure of Grain was presented by Mr Schieffelin & referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

Mr Schieffeline presented a Resolution to prohibit the continuation of Cow Stables in the settled parts of the City. Which was referred to the Police Committee.

Upon motion of Alderman Wyckoff leave of Absence for a few days was given to the Clerk of the Board.

Mr Hone presented a Resolution to take into consideration at the next Meeting, the following subjects—that of the divisions of the 10th Ward, the Law for amending the Street Law—the appointment of a Keeper of the Penitentiary and Deputy Keeper, and that no other business be taken up—Which was read and laid on the Table

*[268] The Comptroller made the following Report.

Balance as per Acct 28 Feby		$122.02
Recd for Tax of 1824. 2d. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7 8 Wards		13.000.
" Rents		3.486.92
" Streets		1.252.36
" Fines &c of Attorney		765.28
" Justices Courts		475.84
" Police Office		280.95
" Wells & pumps		230.
" Mayoralty fees		29.
		19.642.37

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

27 Accounts Audited

Leek and Concklin Watch 1 Dist.....	$813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2d "	666.75
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	645.75
Abr. B Martling Keeper City Hall for fuel.....	100.
I A Isaacs Clerk issuing Cartmens Licenses 12 dys.....	21.
J Stevens " " " " 11 "	19.25
Jno Wark Marshall " " " 10 "	12.50
L Baum Clerk Washn Market 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	72.60
P Ammerman, " Six " 1 " 1 "	53.75
A Leggett Supers & Work Mud Machine to 13 Inst.....	177.79
Jas Morgan & Son repairs " "	209.43
Thos Snowden 6 Mo. Subscripn N Advocate 15 Dec 1824...	50.
Gray and Bunce printing 100 Copies Report of J Stanford for 1824	9.50
S. L'Hommedieu Clerk Police, Expences 1 Year 12 Feb. bal.....	1.12
[269] J Mitchell & Co 23 Casks Oil.....	916.80
N. Jarvis reg & curb Amity St. fr Broadway to 6th Avenue, Corporan Assessment	249.63
Brown & Bells repairs in North St.....	1.25
Estate Margaret Stuyvesant by E L Winthrop Legatee, Award Opening Avenue D.....	27.
J Gallagher bal. Well, Attorney St. near Delancy St.....	51.
R Pettigrew bal. Well Bleecker St near Minetto St.....	43.26
G Charlton, bal Well, Amity St near 6th Avenue.....	40.37
G Charlton, bal Well Varick St near Canal St.....	31.36
John Higham Costs on Sale of House & 2 Acres at Harleam 10 No.....	7.
G Tucker Acct Extra Mason's Work at Fever Hospital....	450.
J Anderson 4th and last payment building Pier. Roosevelt St basin	1445.
A Burtis Superintendant A House.....	4500.
Mechanics Bank. Bond 27 Octor $8600. Int. 4½ Mo. $193.50	8793.50
Balance	

The Board adjourned

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[271] [Special Meeting] In Common Council March 21st 1825.

Present. The Honble William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	D. E. Dunscomb
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffeline
Gideon Ostrander	William P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from Owners and Occupants of property in Houston Street and its vicinity requesting said Street may be paved from Broadway to Thompson Street—Was referred to the Street Committee.

[272] A remonstrance from the Rectors, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Georges Church against the opening of Cliff Street from Beekman St to Frankfort Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Goodwin for permission to assign the Lease of Lot No 154 Common Lands to William Ash, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Robert Blake to be appointed a Measurer of Cut stone & marble was presented and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition from Calvin Griswold to be appointed an Assistant Foreman of the Watch in the place of Cornelius Stagg, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition from William Van Nest to be appointed Keeper of the Park, was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A Similar petition from Elisha Norcross was referred to the same Committee.

[273] A petition of the Inhabitants of Pearl St near Franklin square complaining of the injury to a public pump by means of the Gass works, and praying that the same may be corrected—was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward.

A petition of the Owners of Lots in Ridge Street praying that the said Street may be regulated and paved from Broome to North Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A petition of Frederick Depeyster praying for a Water Grant in front of his property corner of Rivington and Mangin Streets on East river was referred to the Finance Committee

A petition of Henry Eckford for Water Grant in front of his property East side of Stanton Slip, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from John Jarvis and others that Sheriff Street be paved from Stanton St to North Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

[274] A petition from A Cheesborough that his Stoop in Howard Street may remain as it now is—was referred to the Street Committee

A petition from Francis Cochran and Hamilton Biggam for a Water Grant between Vestry and Laight Streets to extend to West Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from Duncan P Campbell and Campbell P White Executors of the Estate of William Edgar deceased, requesting to be permitted to rent to Messrs Mowatt Brothers & Co for the exclusive use of their Steam Boat and lighters &c for the term of Two Years the Basin on the North side of Pier No 6 North river was presented, the same having been read it was Resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petitions

A petition from Doctor Sterling and others praying that the deposite of Filth between Hubert, Laight, Washington and Greenwich Streets may be immediately removed, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward.

[275] A petition of Benjamin S Many to be appointed Assistant of the 3d District Watch, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition of sundry Inhabitants, Freeholders and residents of the first and third Wards praying that a Law may be passed for the filling up of West Street from Cedar to Courtlandt St. was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Memorial of the Trustees of the first Protestant Episcopal Charity School in the City of New York for a proportion of the School funds, was referred to the Law Committee.

A petition of Edward Tupp to be appointed Keeper of the Park—was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A petition of Henry Dickers for an extension of Leases of Lots No 69. 70. 75. 76 & 81 Common Lands—was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Communication from the proprietors of the several Daily Papers

of the City of New York on the subject of the terms offered [276] by the Corporation to perform their printing was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A petition of Peter Banta for the Appointment of Inspector of Street Manure was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the petition of Joshua Sutton to be appointed a measurer of Grain reported in favour of the petitioner which was read and referred back to the same Committee.

The Report of the Street Committee with respect to the removing of Filth and Dirt from the Streets was called up, and after some discussion referred back to the same Committee.

The Counsel presented a Report stating that Isaac Valentine had not executed the Lease for the Hay Scales at Gouverneur Slip, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[277] Alderman Cox presented the following Resolution

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to inquire into and Report on the expediency of supplying the interior of the 8th Ward and 10th Ward with Water for the purpose of extinguishing fires, by putting down public Cisterns at different Churches in said Wards, Which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition of Benjamin F J Gautier for office of Deputy Keeper of Penitentiary

A Similar petition from Joseph Horn

A Similar petition from James Gilchrist and a Similar petition from James Hume were severally read and laid on the Table.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No	1	J Strong	Owner	No	91½ Chapel St	A privy
	2	Mrs Kent	Occupt		341 Cherry St	do
	3	A Mead	Lessee		343 do	do
	4	J Daniels	Occupt		345 do	do
	5	J Barry	do		349 do	do
	6	[278] H Osborn	do		351 do	"
	7	H Kimmons	do		353 do	"
	8	A *Evston* [Evertson]	do		355 do	"
	9	J Miller Jun	do	No	4 Front St	"
	10	M Dixon	do		12 do	"
	11	A S Belden	do		44 do	"

12	J Spence	Occupt	68	Front St	A privy
13	J Phelan	do	74	do	"
14	M Ferris	do	76	do	"
15	Smith & Nicoll	do	51	do	"
16	Mrs Kinshley	do	83	do	"
17	J Nicholson	do	97	do	"
18	Mrs Lebritton	do	145	do	"
19	C Lewis	do	147	do	"
20	W Hull	do	189	do	"
21	Smith & Nicoll	do	28	Pearl St	"
22	J Jaques	do	29	do	"
23	D Ward	do	58	do	"
24	J Beekman	do	64	do	"
25	W Williams	do	81	do	"
26	Cushman & Falconer	do	118	do	"
27	C Sheeler	do	120	do	"
28	O Hull & Son	do	146	do	"
29	N Merritt	do	160	do	"
30	J S Baker	do	177	do	"
31	J. W Hardenbrook	do	293	do	"
32	F Graham	do	295	do	"
33	R V Beekman	do		Cor Pearl & Coenties Slip	"
34	P Spring	do	200	Spring	"
35	[279] B Shurragar	do	202	do	"
36	L Hall	do	27	Watts	"
37	W Bowden	do	29	do	"
38	M Anderson	do	31	do	"
39	R Robins	do	2	Water	"
40	W E Mathews	do	6	do	"
41	S Whitney	do	14	do	"
42	W Dixon	do	30	do	"
43	G Witsell	do	38	do	"
44	Daler & Miller	do	48	do	"
45	H Tucker	do	64	do	"
46	E Baldston	do	168	do	"
47	R Smith	do	192	do	"
48	J Whittey	do	244	do	"
49	E Ritter	do	250	do	"
50	H Barker	do	538	do	"
51	R Horsford	do	539	do	"
52	W Goring	do	540	do	"
53	J J Dorset	do	543	do	"
54	C Gould	Owners	545	do	"
55	W S Simers	do		Mott St.	"

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The Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature of the 14th February last on the Petition for dividing the 10th Ward.

which together with the Law reported by them had been laid for consideration was now called [280] up and the Report being read as follows.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature beg leave to report on the annexed petition of the Inhabitants of the 10th Ward. That the petitioners pray that said Ward may be divided into two wards, and your committee have bestowed an attentive consideration to the subject, and are of the opinion that the said Ward is more than equal in its size and population to most of the other wards. That the 8th, 9th and 10th Wards are much larger in their boundaries and extent than the other Wards, and are likewise in population much larger than the others. That it would seem to be just in principal and expedient in regard to conveniency, that the several Wards of the City, should from time to time be equalized as to their extent and population; and such has been the principle hitherto acted upon, for it appears that the Legislature has (upon the petition of the Common Council) several times, altered and equalised the Wards of the City. It is true, that these alterations ought not to be made either unnecessarily or too frequently; but it is equally true, that when the population of a Ward or Wards is quite disproportionate to the other Wards, the principal of equal representation, as well as that of convenience, calls for and [281] justifies an equalization of the several Wards. Such is the present state of the 8th, 9th & 10th Wards, and Your Committee therefore do not hesitate to say, that an alteration is necessary. The question is, whether all the Wards shall be altered in their bounds, so as to equalized them as to extent and population, or whether a new ward or wards shall be created by a division of the largest Wards of the City. Your Committee, after duly considering the matter, have arrived at the conclusion, that it is most expedient to create two new wards out of the surplus population and extent of the 8th, 9th and 10th Wards inasmuch as it will avoid the necessity of altering the bounds of all the Wards—and will save the necessity of having the Wards of too great an extent, the inconvenience of which is experienced at every election, Besides, the 8th, 9th and 10th Wards (as at present situated, will admit of division into five Wards as proposed, in several eligible ways —thus leaving all the Wards of the City, more upon an equality, as to inhabitants and extent, than at present. Your Committee however do not mean to prescribe the lines of the proposed division, which, as they have before stated, may be drawn in more than one manner, and still meet the object in view. By referring to the Map of the [282] City, as divided into Wards, it will be easily perceived that the two

new wards proposed to be made, may be advantageously created out of the surplus of the 8th, 9th & 10th Wards, by running the lines in several directions, The lines of division may either be determined upon by the Board, or in case the board agrees to the report of this Committee, the subject may be referred to a proper Committee, to prepare the necessary law and application to the Legislature, in which the division lines be contained, Your Committee deem the question as to the particular lines of dividing these wards as unimportant in comparison with the principal question, shall the Wards be divided? If the division is determined upon, the particular mode of dividing, will be a proper subject of after consideration and will not perhaps give rise to much difficulty, although more than one mode has been suggested. Your Committee therefore submit for the consideration of the Board the following resolutions.

I. Resolved, That it is expedient to apply to the Legislature, to alter the boundaries of the 8th 9th & 10th Wards, in such manner as to create two new Wards in addition to the said 8th 9th and 10th Wards, within their present limits

[283] II Resolved, That the Committee on Applications to the Legislature be requested to prepare a proper Memorial to the Legislature, and draft of a Law, to carry into effect the above objects—in which shall be contained such boundaries of each of the said Wards, as the said Committee shall deem proper—and that the said Memorial be reported, together with said proposed Law, to this board for examination.

(Signed) Wm Burtsell
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
Thomas Bolton

The Law being read by paragraphs was after some amendments approved of under the Title of "An Act to equalize and increase the number of Wards in the City of New York" and the Counsel was directed to prepare a suitable Memorial to the Legislature requesting the enactment of the said Law which Memorial was directed to be duly authenticated during the recess of the Board and transmitted to the Legislature now in session at Albany.

[284]The Market Committee on the Petition of John Bremner Clerk of Catharine Market for an increase of pay, reported in his favour as follows.

The Market Committee beg leave respectfully to Report. That John Bremner, Clerk of Catharine Market has applied to them for

an increase of pay and your Committee find that he receives at present One dollar per day exclusive of Sundays which is less than others receive who have similar duties to perform, and that the proper regulation of the Market requires in an especial manner his attendance on Sunday mornings.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That John Bremner receive as a compensation for his services as Clerk of Catharine Market from the first day of April next, and during the pleasure of the Board, the sum of One dollar per day, including Sundays, instead of his present rate of compensation

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thom$ Bolton
Matthew Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[285] The Market Committee on the petition of Duncan Campbell for Stall N° 3 Greenwich Market reported in his favour as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Duncan Campbell for a Butchers License for Stand N° 3 Greenwich Market, having made the necessary investigations, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that a Butchers License be granted to Duncan Campbell, for the Stand N° 3 Greenwich Market.

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Matthew Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the petition that Steps be erected on the East wing of Fulton Market reported in favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons in the vicinity of Fulton Market praying to have a flight of steps erected to communicate with the East wing of said Market, beg leave respectfully to report.

That an opening has been left in the [286] East wing of Fulton Market, fronting on Beekman Street, which is at present entered by temporary wooden Stairs. It was originally intended that Stone

Steps, corresponding with those in the Centre, and east wing, should be erected in Beekman Street, which intention has not hitherto been carried into effect, in consequence of the Street not having been regulated, this obstacle is now removed, and it is obviously proper, that Stone Steps should be erected without further delay, Your Committee therefore beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that the Superintendant of Repairs, be, and he is hereby directed, to cause a flight of Stone Steps to be erected to communicate with the East wing of Fulton Market, fronting on Beekman Street, corresponding with those in the other parts of the Market

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Mw Reed
D E Dunscomb.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[287] The Market Committee on the Petition of Saml B Romaine and others for the passage of Law for the protection of Game presented the following Report together with an Ordinance,

Which Report was as follows, viz.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Citizens, praying for the passage of an Ordinance, to prohibit certain descriptions of Game, from being offered for Sale in the Markets at improper Seasons of the year beg leave respectfully to report

That the Law of the State for the preservation of Game, is found to be ineffectual in its operation by reason of the difficulty of proving the fact of Killing, its salutary restrictions are constantly evaded with impunity, and the articles exhibited openly for Sale in our public Markets, which can only be obtained by the breach of a Known Law of the State.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to express their opinion on the propriety of restricting the killing of Game to certain seasons of the year, no other mode can be devised for its preservation, and they agree with the petitioners, that the only means to render such restrictions effectual, is to prevent the prohibited Articles, from being brought to market, at improper seasons

[288] In accordance with this opinion, Your Committee herewith submit the draft of an Ordinance which they recommend for the

adoption of the Board, Conforming to the prayer of the Petitioners in all respects, except as to the Sale of Partridge and Quail, which in the Opinion of the Committee may safely be extended to the first day of March.

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thos Bolton
Mtt Reed
D E Dunscomb

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Ordinance was passed under the Title of a "Law for the preservation of Game" and was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

The Market Committee on the subject of a Weigher in Washington Market reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Market Committee, to whom was referred a resolution of the Board, requiring an expression of their opinion of the Committee on the propriety of establishing a Weigh Master in Washington Market, beg leave respectfully to Report.

[289] That in their opinion, the public accommodation, does require that such a measure should be adopted—and they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a weigher be appointed who shall be stationed in Washington Market and that all the provisions of the Law passed Novr 22. 1824. entitled "a Law to regulate weighing in Fulton Market" shall apply with equal force to Washington Market, and the Weigher, now to be appointed for that Market, as well as to any other weigher, which the Corporation may hereafter appoint, and Station in either of the other public markets of this City.

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thos Bolton
Mathw Reed
D E. Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Thomas Varian and Christian Hartell for a reduction of Rent of Cellar No 4 under Catharine Market reported in favour of the Same as follows. Viz.

[290] The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed *the* petition of Thomas Varian and Christian Hartell for a reduction of part of the rent of a Cellar occupied by them under Catharine Market, beg leave respectfully to report.

That the petitioners hired the Cellar N° 4 Catharine Market, for the present Year, at the Rent of Fifty dollars, that in consequence of the filthy state of said Cellar, and the great delay on the part of the Corporation to put it in tenantable order, they could not obtain possession of it before the first of August Your Committee are therefore of opinion that their request to have an abatement of One Quarters rent is not unreasonable, and recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Collector of the City Revenue, be authorised to make a deduction from the Rent of Cellar N° 4 Catharine Market, equal to One Quarters rent

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Thos Bolton
Matthw Reed
D E. Dunscomb

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

[291] The Committee on Applications for Office on petitions of Jacob Hardenbrook, Joseph Tyson and Henry Martine for Office of Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary reported as follows, viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Jacob Hardenbrook. Joseph Tyson and Henry Martine to be appointed Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary—respectfully Report.

That they find all of the Applicants worthy and qualified for the Office they solicit and lieve it with the Board to make the Selection

Matthew Reed
Signed Jameson Cox

Which was read and laid on the Table

The Committee on Applications for Office on the Petition for Office of Keeper of the Penitentiary reported as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of J Woodruff to be appointed Keeper of the Penitentiary respectfully Report, that they consider the Petitioner qualified and worthy of the appointment he solicits.

Matthew Reed
(Signed) Jameson Cox

The Board thereupon proceeded to ballot [292] for a person to fill the Office of Keeper of the City Penitentiary when J O Woodruff was duly chosen—Alderman King then presented the following Resolution.

Resolved, that J O Woodruff be and he is hereby appointed to the Office of Keeper of the Penitentiary—which was adopted.

The Board then proceded to ballot for an Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary and Jacob Hardenbrook was duly chosen, Whereupon Alderman King presented the following

Resolved that Jacob Hardenbrook be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary—which was adopted.

On Motion the Board proceded to ballot for a Person to fill the Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures—when Joseph Spencer be and he is hereby appointed a Sealer of Weights and Measures.

The Board adjourned to Monday next 4 Oclock,

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[294] In Common Council March 28th, 1825.

Present. The Honble William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jamison Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Daniel E Dunscomb
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffeline
Gideon Ostrander	William P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Andrew Buchan for relief from Tax assessed on him—was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Robert N Waite. for leave to remove the earth in front of his property Corner of 29th Street and 3d Avenue [295] was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of C D Sayre and others to have South Street between Dover and Roosevelt St. raised and regulated was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants praying that the Law relative to Wharfage which permits Vessels of 150 Tons to come into the Public Slips may be altered and the privilege confined to Vessels of 100 Tons, was read and a Law passed agreeably thereto under the Title of a Law to amend the Law entitled a Law to regulate the lying

of Vessels at the public Wharves and in the Slips and to establish the Rates of Wharfage, and it was directed to be published in the Papers employed by the Board and also the Law which was thereby amended.

A Petition from the Abysinnian Baptist Church for ground to be allowed to them as a place of Burial, in lieu of the present ground which they can no longer use—was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places

[296] A Petition of William Rhinelander for permission to rent the North side of the Pier at the foot of Murray Street for the exclusive use of Steam Boats was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips. and

The Petition of Messrs Mowatt & Co, on which at last meeting leave was given to Petitioners to withdraw their Petition was called up—recommended and referred to the Same Committee

A Petition of James Hunt praying an equalisation of the Wood Inspectors Districts No 9 & 10 at present attended to by John Smith and the petitioner—was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Joseph Spencer praying he may be permitted to use the Standard Weights and Measures heretofore used by a former City Sealer and now in the Street Commissioners Office—was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices with powers

A Petition of Michael Houseworth Junr for Office of Weigher in Washington Market Was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of sundry Owners of property in Arundel Street that said Street may be [297] regulated and paved between Stanton and North Street—was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that the Side Walks in Ludlow Street may be laid with Brick from Broome to Delancy Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that the side Walks in Delancy Street may be laid with brick from the Bowery to Goerick Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition *of* [that] Ridge Street may be regulated and paved from Rivington to Division Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from Owen Geary for Stall No 42 in Washington Market—was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that the present

Deputy Clerk of Centre Market may be removed from his Office—was referred to the Market Commᵉᵉ

A Petition of Agar Clark for relief from a Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments

[298] A Petition of Jacob Lorillard for permission to enclose an Area in front of his House with an Iron railing was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 5ᵗʰ Ward with Authority.

A Petition of Sundry Owners of Property on Norfolk and Suffolk Streets between Delancy and Stanton Streets, stating that said Streets have recently been regulated and paved from Delancy Street and they therefore request the Corporation to take charge of the same and keep them in repair at their own expence agreeably to a Law lately passed on that subject—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants in the 10ᵗʰ Ward complaining of the Cow House of Messʳˢ Castro & Hendricks as a great Nuisance—was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this City praying that a portion of the School Money may be continued to be allowed for the Charity School under their care was read and referred to the Law Committee

[299] A Petition of Owners of property on Sloat Lane praying the Same may be widened to 30 feet at their individual expence and that the same may be called York Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that Attorney Street be paved and the side Walks gravelled from Grand to North Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from the Trustees of the Bowery Presbyterian Church for permission to remove the fence in the rear of the Church so as to range with the line of the adjoining Stoops—was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that Essex Street be opened from Stanton to North Street and paved from Delancy to North Street, was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that Willet Street be paved and the side walks gravelled from Stanton to North Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Henry Eckford was received stating that he has been directed to co-operate with the Corporation in extending the side piers on the sides of Stanton Slip and to effect the same he requests permission to take the [300] Dirts from Montgomery,

Bancker & Scammel Streets for which he will pay One hundred dollars, the same being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Jonathan Woodruff for Office of Deputy Keeper of the Penitentiary, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Isaac Valentine for Stall N° 1 Greenwich Market & for permission to assign *lean* [lease] of Hay Scales at Gouverneur Slip to Shabal Hall, was referred to the Finance Committee and with powers in relation to the Hay Scales.

A Petition of William F Baker praying that the Ordinance for filling in the Lots on the East river between Catharine and Market Streets be carried into effect, was referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to carry the said Ordinance into effect.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and pump at corner of Hudson [301] and Burrow Streets reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of John P Roome and others for a Well and Pump in Broome Street near Hudson Street, report, that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B. Taylor
D. E. Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for a Well and pump near the Intersection of Canal Street reported in favour of the same as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eight Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of John R Murray and others for a Well and pump in Greene Street near Canal Street. Report that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and therefore submit the [302] following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of petitioners be granted

Signed, Jacob B Taylor
D, E, Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and pump in Greene near Bleecker Street reported in favour as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham P Mabie and others for a Well and pump in Greene Street near Bleecker Street, report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, the request of the Petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
D E Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[303] The Street Committee on the petition for Opening a Street from Coenties Slip to Garden Street reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of James W Pent and others, requesting that a Street may be opened from Coenties Slip to Garden Street Report that in their Opinion the opening such Street in the direction prayed for is not required, either for the benefit of Individuals or for public accommodation—accordingly they submit the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for widening and extending Cliff Street from Beekman Street to Frankford Street reported in favour of the same which being read was laid for further consideration.

[304] The Street Committee on the petition to have Pearl Street widened between Old Slip and Coenties Slip reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of John R Peters and others praying to have Pearl Street straightened between the Old and Coenties Slips, by taking a few inches from

the Lots and buildings on the Northerly side of the Street— Report that they have duly considered the subject, and are of the opinion that the expence which would arise from carrying the object of the petitioners into effect would far exceed any possible benefits that could result therefrom—and are therefore induced to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[305] The Street Committee on the communication of the Counsel on the subject of opening certain Streets presented the following Report. which was adopted and Morris D[e] Camp was appointed Collector on each.

The Street Commtitee to whom was referred the Communication from the Counsel to the Board stating that the Supreme Court had confirmed the opening of certain Streets therein named, Report their Opinion thereon by the following resolution.

Resolved, That the widening of Pike Street and Bancker Street be postponed to the first of May next ensuing and that the Buildings be removed therefrom, within Sixty days thereafter

Resolved that the opening of Houston Street from Broadway to the Bowery be postponed to the first day of May next ensuing and that the Buildings thereon awarded to this Corporation be sold immediately thereafter, to be removed together with all the Buildings on said Street within thirty days from and after the said first day of May.

Resolved, That the Opening of the Sixth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to 13[th] Street be postponed to the first day of May next, and that the Buildings thereon be removed within thirty days thereafter.

[306] Resolved, That the taking of the Triangle, or Gore of Ground at the junction of Grand, Harman & Scammel Streets be postponed until the first day of May next.

Resolved, That the Opening of First Street from the First Avenue to North Street be postponed, until the first day of May next, and the fences be removed in thirty days thereafter.

Resolved that Collectors be appointed to the several Assessments embraced in the foregoing resolutions.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John.

The Street Committee to whom were referred the petition to Open Cedar Street from William Street to Pearl Street and the remonstrance against the same reported against the petition as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of a respectable number of persons praying that Cedar Street may be extended from William Street to Pearl Street—Report, that they have examined [307] the premises, and duly considered the subject and altho they are compeled to agree in Opinion with the petitioners for the measure, that if carried into effect would add much to the value of the property adjoining the contemplated improvement—Yet from the numerous and equally respectable names who have remonstrated against the measure Your Committee are induced to submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slips on the petition for completing West Street from Cedar to Courtlandt Street reported in favour as follows

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the annexed petition of John Van Nostrand and others to have West Street made and completed from Cedar Street to Dey Street, Report that the interest of Individuals, and public [308] convenience require that Street to be completed as prayed for by the petitioners

Your Committee would also recommend that West Street be made from Hubert Street to Canal Street, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that so much of West Street (not already done) be made and completed from Cedar Street to Dey Street, and from Hubert Street to Canal Street, and that Ordinances be passed accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) John Webb
John Agnew
Wm H Ireland
Asa Mann.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee and the Committee on public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of the Assessors of the several Wards for additional compensation and the report of the Finance Committee thereon presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee and the Committee on Public Offices, to whom were referred the annexed Petition of several of [309] the Assessors of the different Wards, praying an increase of the allowance proposed to be made to them for the year 1824. and the Report of the said Finance Committee heretofore made thereon, beg leave to Report. That they have met several times on the said matter, but owing to a diversity of Opinion in the said Committees, they have been unable to unite a majority in any report in favour or against the prayer of the said Petition—and as there is no probability that they will be able to make a Report, fixing the allowance to said Assessors, they have concluded that the said matter ought to be submitted to the board, for their disposition, and they therefore offer for consideration the following resolution.

Resolved, that the said Committees be discharged from the further consideration of the said Report and Petition, on the subject of the compensation to be made to the Assessors for the year 1824 and that the same be determined upon by the Board.

Respectfully submitted

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
H J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell
} Signed,
E W King
J B Taylor

[310] Which was accepted

Alderman Ireland presented the following Resolution which after some discussion was adopted.

Resolved, That the Assessors of the several Wards be allowed for 1824 the same compensation that was allowed them in 1823.

The Finance Committee on the Communication of the Street Commissioner in relation to a Water Grant to the Heirs of William Edgar deceased, reported as follows

The Committee on Finances, respectfully report that they have considered the annexed petition of Campbell P White, which was referred to them, That the petitioner wishes the Corporation to make the usual Water Grant of the land under Water, in front of the property adjoining Delancey Street belonging to the Estate of the late William Edgar Junior. The Committee are of the Opinion that such grant may with propriety be made, according to the terms of their Report fixing the rates of quit rent between Grand and North Streets. And they therefore submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare [311] and report a proper grant of the said land under Water to the Executors of the Estate of the said William Edgar for the use and benefit of said Estate upon the usual terms and, conditions and at the rates above referred to, and according to the regulation of that part of the City.

(Signed) Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell
Saml Cowdrey.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Frederick De Peyster and Henry Eckford for Water Grants reported in favour as follows.

The Finance Committee, respectfully report, that they have considered the annexed petition of Frederick Depeyster for a Water grant in front of his property adjoining Rivington Street, and the petition of Henry Eckford for a similar grant in front of his property on the East side of Stanton Street—Your Committee consider that these grants may be made with propriety according to the terms of their Report fixing the rates of quit between Grand and North Streets —and [312] they therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare and report proper grants of the Said lands under water to the said Frederick DePeyster and the said Henry Eckford, upon the usual terms and conditions, according

to the regulations of that part of the City, and at the rates above referred to

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell
Saml Cowdrey.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications for Office on the petition of Joshua Sutton for Office of Measurer of Grain reported in favour as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joshua Sutton to be appointed Measurer of Grain respectfully report. That they find him worthy, Qualified and recommend his appointment

Signed Matthew Reed
Jameson Cox

In obedience to the Common Council the Committee on Applications for Office [313] beg leave to State, that there are three vacancies for Measurers of Grain, and offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That Joshua Sutton be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain subject to the Ordinances of the Common Council of the City of New York.

Signed Matthew Reed
Jameson Cox

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and he was appointed accordingly.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Bill before the Legislature entitled an Act concerning the Territorial Limits and Jurisdiction of the State of New York and the State of New Jersey and a Letter from Judge Benson to the Mayor on the same subject presented the following Report.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the annexed printed Copy of a bill before the Legislature, and also a Communication from Judge Benson to his Honor the Mayor on the subject—Beg leave to report thereon, that it appears that a Law is now pending before the Legislature, to appoint Commissioners respecting the boundary line between this State and [314] New Jersey—That the boundaries of this City are Co-extensive with those of the State on the West shore of the Hudsons river—That the Bill before the Legislature seems not to insist upon the strict rights

of the State, but to propose a negotiation upon equitable principles— That your Committee Consider this Board bound to remonstrate against the passage of any law, which may produce the abandonment of any part of the jurisdiction of the City—and they think that a divided jurisdiction on the Hudsons River would lead to great evils, produce constant collision, and give rise to much litigation and controversy

Beleiving also that the right of this City is now as perfect as it was when the Charter of 1730 was received, and is strengthened by possession—Your Committee are of opinion that a respectful remonstrance ought to be immediately forwarded to the Legislature against the passage of the Bill before mentioned—Such a remonstrance your Committee have prepared, and to which they refer for a more full detail of their views, and they herewith present the same for the consideration of the Board, and offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel engross [315] said Memorial, and that his Honor the Mayor, be requested to authenticate the same during the recess of the board, and forward the same to the Legislature.

(Signed) Wm Burtsell
Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Thos Bolton
Philip Hone

Whereupon the same was approved, the Memorial adopted, and directed to be engrossed duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature.

The Police Committee on the petition from the Inhabitants of the 8th Ward praying a Law may be passed preventing Hogs runing at large in said Ward reported as follows.

The Police Committee to whom the annexed petition from the Inhabitants of the Eight Ward was referred, praying that Swine may be prohibited from running at large in said Ward.

Respectfully Report, From the great improvements now making in this Ward, the Committee are satisfied that the request of the Petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted—The Committee have been informed by some of the most respectable Inhabitants of said Ward, that the injury which [316] they have sustained in the course of a single year, from the Hogs turning up their side walks, has been equal, and in some cases, greater than the amount of their Tax the same year: The Committee think the prayer of the Peti-

tioners ought to be granted, and they beg leave to offer the following resolution;

Resolved. That the Counsel of this Board prepare an Ordinance, conformable to this report.

Thoˢ Bolton
Samˡ Cowdrey
(Signed) Willᵐ A Davis
Samˡ St John
Josiah Hedden

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on public Offices on the petition of James McMurray for compensation for making an Index to the Maps in the Registers office reported in favour as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of James McMurray praying that compensation may be made to him for making a complete Index to all the Maps on record in the Register's Office.

[317] Report. That they have examined the Index of Maps filed in the Registers Office from the year 1665. down to 1824, prepared by the Petitioner a Clerk in that Office. That the work is not a part of the duty imposed on the Register, but from the accuracy of its execution is calculated to be of considerable advantage in facilitating the examination of titles and searches for incumbrances on real Estate in this City. Altho the work was voluntarily executed; yet as it will prove beneficial to the great body of freeholders your Committee are of opinion that the Petitioner is entitled to compensation. The Index though not extensive, must have required no small degree of examination and labor in its completion. The petitioner, in addition to the Index, has completed a List of the several Streets in this City the names of which have from time to time [been] altered, this also will be found extremely useful now, and time will render it still more so: For this Work however the Petitioner seeks no Compensation. Your Committee recommend that the said Index to Maps and List of Streets be placed of Record in the Office of Register in and for the City and County of New York and that the sum of Eighty Dollars be paid to the Petitioner for [318] his labour; for which purpose they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved. That the general Index of Maps and lists of Streets in this City, (the names of which have been altered,) made by James McMurray be placed of Record, in the Office of Register in and for the City and County of New York to be examined by any person

free of expence. And that the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting of this Board. in favour of said James McMurray for Eighty dollars as a Compensation for making the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted

E, W, King
S, St. John
(Signed) S. Cowdrey
J B Taylor
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on public Offices in relation to the act of Congress fixing the place of holding the United States Courts presented the following Report which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom [*] was referred the subject of the Act of Congress fixing the place for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the Southern district of New York. Report, That ever since the erection of the City Hall it has been the avowed intention of the Common Council to afford every accommodation in their power to the Courts of the United States for holding their Sessions in that building. And until very recently those Courts have been provided with one of the most commodious Rooms in it, nor have they been interrupted in the enjoyment of such room so long as they choose to occupy it, as far as your Committee have been able to discover.

The Act of Congress provides that those Courts shall be held in the City Hall if the competent authority will "allow to the said Courts the exclusive use of some suitable apartment," therein—Why this extraordinary clause was inserted your Committee have been unable to discover; nor can it be material now to enquire, because, in the opinion of your Committee the requisitions of the act may without material inconvenience be complied with, There being one large Room appropriated for the use of the Supreme Court which is only occupied for about a fortnight in each year; and it is to be feared that e'er long the legislature will [320] fix the sittings of that Court permanently at Albany, at all events your Committee apprehend there can be no difficulty in holding the Sessions of the Supreme Court and the Common Pleas in the Same room. At Albany it is understood there is but one apartment in the Capital used in Common by all Courts sitting in that City. Your Committee from a full considera-

* New page, not numbered.—ED.

tion of all the circumstances recommend that the Room heretofore occupied by the Courts of the United States be set apart for their use according to the provisions of the said Act, and that the Common Pleas hold its Sessions in the same room appropriated to the use of the Supreme Court.

Your Committee therefore submit the following Resolutions

Resolved, That the Room in the City Hall heretofore occupied by the Courts of the United States be set apart for the exclusive use of those Courts during the pleasure of the Common Council, And that the Clerk forthwith furnish the Marshal of this District with a Copy of this resolution

Resolved, That the Committee on public Offices be requested to cause the Room heretofore occupied by the Supreme Court to be properly fitted up and furnished with [321] suitable fixtures for the accommodation of the Court of Common Pleas, and that the same be occupied accordingly

All which is respectfully submitted.

E W. King
Sam[l] St John
(Signed) Sam[l] Cowdrey
Jacob B Taylor
Jameson Cox.

The Watch Committee on the several Petitions referred to them for Office of Assistant of the 3[rd] District reported as follows.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the petitions of Daniel Vail, Jacob Parsell, Jacob Day, James Seguine Benjamin S Many (Colvin Griswold, Stephen W Dusenberry, William D Hughes, and Jessee Woods,) praying to be appointed Assistants of the third District Watch, Report, That they have inquired into the Character and Qualifications of the several Applicants, and state for the information of the Board that they are well recommended—but it appears by the latter part of the first Section of the Law to regulate the City Watch, that Calvin Griswold, Stephen W Dusenberry William D Hughes and Jessee Woods, are not [322] qualified by Law to hold the office that they have applied for they not being Watchmen on the third District—Your Committee believe that among so many respectable Applicants it becomes their duty to report all the names in order that a selection may be made by the board, they therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the vacancy in the Office of Assistant of the third District Watch be filled by ballot.

(Signed) Jameson Cox
Josiah Hedden
Wm P Rathbone
Philip Hone
William Burtsell

Which was accepted, and the Board thereupon proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the Office when Jacob Parsells was chosen and it was resolved, That Jacob Parsells be and he is hereby appointed assistant of the 3d District Watch.

The Counsel presented for execution Grants for Water Lots as follows.

The Counsel herewith respectfully reports for execution the following Grants of Land under Water, which have [323] been prepared agreeably to the several Resolutions of the Board on the subject, and according to the rates of quit rent established by the Board on the 28th of the last month—viz.

To Charles Henry Hall from 10th to 13th Street
To Nicholas Wm Stuyvesant from 9th to 10th Street
To Nicholas Fish from 8th to 9th Street, and
To Marinus Willett from Broome to Delancy Street

These grants have been drawn under the directions of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the same were directed to be duly executed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No	1	Thos Gardiner	Owner	No	28	Bancker St	A Lot
	2	F Pell	Do			Grand St	do
	3	W McIlwain	Lessee			Laurens St	do
	4	H Irish	Occupt		8	Broad St	a privy
	5	[324] T McCready	"		28	Broad St.	"
	6	J Metzler	"		32	Do	"
	7	M Brown	"		36	Do	"
	8	J Collett	"		42	Do	"
	9	J Van Boskerk	"		58	Do	"
	10	P Wigton	"		62	Do	"

77	R Grant	Occupt	128	Broad St.	a privy
12	J Reed	"	132	Do	"
13	E Innet	"	134	Do	"
14	A Swift	"	55	Chrystie St	"
15	J R Livingston	Owner	47	Henry St	"
16	W B Van Ortwick	Occupt	11	Stone St	"
17	A King	"	13	Do	"
18	J Babitt	"	37	Do	"
19	F Avery	"	143	Washington St	"
20	J K Johnson	"	11	Doyer St	"
21	N Corwin	"	1	Batavia St	"
22	L Lyon	"	5	Do	"
23	F Frazer	"	8	Do	"
24	A Pentz	"	11	Do	"
25	E Dodge	"	12	Do	"
26	J Moore	"	14	Do	"
27	E Sneethen	"	16	Do	"
28	L Prentiss	"	17	Do	"
29	A Sherman	"	19	Do	"
30	P Schuyler	"	21	Do	"
31	T Beattie	"	34	Chamber St	"
32	W Foley	"	4½	Front St	"
33	R Stillwell	"	10	Do	"
34	[325] T Brown	"	104	Gold St	"
35	A A Carpenter	"	108	Do	"
36	A Willis	"		Grand Cor of Norfolk	"
37	J Bird	"	14	Oak St.	"
38	J Ha[r]per	"		Cor Roosevelt & Oak	"

Geo Cuming Cy Inspecr

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Attorney Street whereupon a warrant was ordered to be issued to Morris De Camp to collect the same.

He also presented a Communication on the subject of opening of Mulberry Street to Bleecker Street which was referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed.

For making West Street and filling Lots adjoining thereto from Cedar Street to Dey Street and from Hubert Street to Canal Street.

For Regulating and paving Murray Street from Washington Street to West Street, and Isaac Kip John Salisbury and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

[326] For a Well and pump in Greene Street near Canal Street

and Isaac Kip, James Bleecker, and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

For a Well and pump in Greene Street near Bleecker Street and Cary Dunn Junr Francis Peckwell and John Salisbury were appointed Assessors.

For a Well and Pump in Burrow Street near Hudson Street and Abraham Dally. Benjamin Prince and John Targee were appointed Assessors.

The following were appointed Fire men the Chief Engineer certifying the V[ac]ancies

Fire Engine Co No 1

James A Cregier Painter Hudson Nr Spring
Vice Ellis Freeman Resigned

Jacob S Beekman Cabinet Maker
Vice William Hoffman Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 20

Andrew Kerney Sadler < Read & Washington
Vice Peter Graham Resigned

Stephen W Rich Carpenter 78 Mulberry St
Vice William Creighton Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 21

Alfred W Wardell Accountant 254 Pearl St
Vice Jas K Silvester Deceased.

[327] Fire Engine Co No 30

Thomas Blair Grocer < Ludlow & Rivingn Sts
Vice Almon Chandler Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 32

David H Hamilton Carpenter 24 Ludlow
Vice Stephen Rudd Resigned.

Fire Engine Co No 41

John L Jones Mason Delancy Nr Sheriff St
Vice Joseph Beyea Resigned

Edward Underhill Cordwainer Suffolk Nr Broome
Vice Stephen Cornell removed to the Country

Alderman Reed presented the following Resolved, That Robert T Clark be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain which was adopted.

The following resolution was presented and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that Wooster Street be opened and extended from Fourth to Eighth Street and that the Counsel to this Board take the usual measures for carrying the same into effect.

Alderman Reed presented a Resolution for flagging the Side Walks of certain Streets in the 6th Ward, which was referred to the Street Committee.

[328] Mr Dunscomb presented a Resolution directing the Clerk to furnish to each Member of the Board a List of all Officers and their Clerks under the appointment of the Corporation with the Salaries and perquisites of each. Refd to the Committee on Public Offices

Alderman Reed presented a Resolution respecting the Lease of Free School No 1—which he withdrew to give place to the Resolution from Alderman King referring to the Committee on the Gaol and Bridewell to treat with the Trustees of Free School No 1 for the surrender of their Lease which Resolution was adopted.

Mr St John presented a Resolution referring it to a Committee to select a suitable room in the City Hall for the accommodation of the Court of Errors, which will hold its Session in this City on the first Monday of June next and to cause the same to be suitably fitted up, Which was approved and referred to the following Special Committee Mr Hone Bolton Ald. Reed Taylor Ostrander

[329] Alderman Ostrander presented a draught of a Law to prevent *to* [the] collection of Manure and other filth upon vacant or unincumbered Lots in the City, which was referred to the Street Committee.

A Return was received from George B Thorpe Keeper of the City prison or Bridewell of the persons confined therein which was directed to be filed.

On Motion the appointment of deputy Keeper of Penitentiary was postponed

A Member stating he had confidential business to communicate, the Lobby was cleared and the doors closed.

A Member presented a subject for consideration, which after some discussion was withdrawn.

Doors were again opened.

The Comptroller made the following Report

Balance as per Acct. 14 Inst.....	$233.01
Recd for Taxes of 1824 2. 5. 6. 7. 9. 10 Wards.....	14.706.76
" Rents	1.663.63
" Streets	662.48

[830] Received for Lamps	$185.87
" Mayoralty fees	69.
" Commutation Alien passengers	10.

51 Accounts Audited

Leek & Concklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2 "	666.75
Bleakley & Stagg " 3 "	645.75
Wm S Smith Collector City revenue 1 Qr Salary	252.50
Cornl Myers Keeper Pottersfield 43 days 1 April	53.75
Astin & Higbie Messengers 1 Mo Do	54.
O Ayres Asst City Inspecr 1 " Do	47.25
J Coffin " " " 1 " Do	47.25
O Jaques St Inspecr 1 Ward 1 " Do	34.88
P Wright Do 2 " 1 " Do	34.88
T Jeroleman Do 3 " 1 " Do	34.88
N B Lyon Do 4 " 1 " Do	34.88
A Ackerman Do 5 " 1 " Do	34.88
W Kerr Do 6 " 1 " Do	34.88
B Fuller Do 7 " 1 " Do	34.88
S Hutchings Do 8 " 1 " Do	34.88
D Hubbud Do 10 " 1 " Do	34.88
S. St John amt 5 Acct. for Carting Manure from Sts	199.31
W Kerr St Inspecr 6 Ward for Manure Carted	27.75
R Graves St Commr for 120 Trees on Battery & park	120.
O Jaques Street Inspecr 1 Ward 61½ days Work on Br	61.50
Geo Duryea, Clerk Fulton Market 1 Mo 1 April	41.67
[331] Richd Smith Clerk Franklin Markt 1 Mo 1 April	38.75
Isaac Asten Sweeper Fulton " " "	38.59
B Hicks Asst Board Health " "	47.25
J Pinckney " " " " "	47.25
S Gould & son Laws of the State for Members C Council	148.75
G Snethen Lighting Lamps 1 Mo 1 April	610.11
G Snethen Supers Do 1 Qr do	137.50
R Provoost repairs Do 1 Mo do	105.63
John Dunn & sons repairs Lamps to 25 Inst	99.46
A Burtis Supers Alms house & officers 1 Qr Salr 1 April	537.50
J Woodruff Keeper Penitentiary & asstS 1 Qr " "	537.50
A Leggett Supers & Work Mud Scow to 27 Inst	155.03
Saml B Mersereau Sundry Cordage &c for Mud Scow	220.31
D S Jones award opens Green St. from Amity L to 4 St	353.
D S Jones do do Wooster St " " "	316.
J Sloan Acct. reg & curbs Amity St. b Broadway & 6 Aven.	300.
H Smith Acct. reg & pav Willett St from Grand to Stanton	100.
H Smith Acct. Cross Walks 3d Ward	100.
H Smith Bal. reg & pav Columbia St from Grand to Rivington St	119.05
S. Fargay repavs & flagging around City Hall Jail and Bridewell	438.75

R Pettigrew repairing Intersections Marketfield and Washingn Streets	6.80	
R Pettigrew 1 payt Well. Morton St. near Greenh St	40.37	
Geo Lovett Bal building. pier foot Chamber St	1873.	
J Lucas 7th paymt Carpenters Work fever hospl	1000.	
J P Roome Supert Repairs for Repairs	500.	
[332] J P. Roome Supt Repairs for Fire Departt	343.	
J P Roome Do pump Do	167.	
J P Roome Do Watch Do	60.	
Mechanics Bank. Bond 28 Sept. $5300 Int 6 Mo $159	5459.	
Balance		286.

The Board adjourned to this day fortnight 4 Oclock.

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[334] Special Meeting. In Common Council April 4th 1825.

Present. The Hon. Wm Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

	Aldermen	Assistants.
1		Thoms Bolton
2		
3	Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
4	Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
5	John Webb	
6	Matthew Reed	
7	Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
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10	Gideon Ostrander	Wm P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Edgar Evertson for relief from a personal Tax assessed on him—was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[335] A Petition from Rathbone & Fitch Lessees of Castle Garden for permission to erect a Telagraph room at that place accompanied with a recommendation for that purpose from a Committee of Merchants was referred to the Committee on Lands & places.

A Petition to regulate and Pave Forsyth Street from Stanton to North St. was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Cowdrey rose in his place and stated that this Special Meeting of the Board had been called at his suggestion and of some of the other members of the Board in consequence of information having been received that a Bill was now pending before the Legislature for the purpose of transferring the Session of the Supreme

Court now held in this City to Albany. considering that such a measure would be attended with great inconvenience and injury to the Suitors in that Court residing in this City he though[t] it would be proper in this Board to present a Remonstrance on the subject to the Legislature —He accordingly presented a Memorial which was read, adopted, ordered to be engrossed, duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature

[336] A Petition of Samuel Cornell to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Thomas Blanch Jun^{r} for remission of fine incurred by a breach of the Health Law was referred to the Police Committee

The Recorder presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Roll of Oaths taken by the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the City and County.

The following Resolutions were presented and adopted,

Resolved, that the Committee on Assessments be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board on the petition of John L *Bulleau* [Bulow] by his Attorney W^{m} G Bucknor.

Resolved, also that the Clerk of this Board write to the Collector of the 8th Ward & direct him to refrain from collecting the Tax assessed on John J *Bulleau* [Bulow] until the further order of this Board.

[337] In Common Council April 11th 1825.

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2	Elisha W King	Sam^{l} St John
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A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants at the foot of Whitehall Street to have the west side of the Slip paved, was referred to the Street Committee.

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A Petition from a number of Inhabitants complaining of stagnant Water lying in Elizabeth Street between Prince and Bleecker Street and praying the same may be filled up was referred to the Street Commissioner

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A Petition that the Houses in Mercer Street may be regularly numbered was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with directions to cause the same to be done

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A Petition of Thomas H Westley was received stating that in the year 1820 the Wife or Petitioner found a Lad in the Streets of Baltimore who was beaten and cruelly used by a French Woman—that the boy said his name was W^m C. Lewis and that he was Stolen by the said Woman from New York who compelled him to beg in the Streets, in the French Language that Petitioner took said Child in his [341] house and took care of him by the advice of the Mayor of Baltimore—that the Child was with him 14 months, was fed and clothed by him and finally he was sent to New York and his passage paid by petitioner

That Petitioner received a Letter from the then Mayor of this City M^r Colden on the subject requesting Petitioner to take charge of the child—And Petitioner now request[s] to be reinbursed his expences in the case of the said child—The same having been read was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A petition of Wright Carpenter for a reduction of the Rent reserved on Lot N° 73 Chatham Street, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Matthew Bolmer for permission to erect an Iron railing around his House in Orange Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 6^th Ward.

A petition of D Brink to be appointed a Weighmaster in Washington Market was referred to the Market Committee.

[342] A Petition of Harry Paddelford to be appointed a City Weigher, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of William Hogencamp to be appointed a Measurer of Charcoal was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition from Henry Marsh for a Butchers Stall in Essex Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance was presented from a number of Inhabitants against the proposed extension of the Sewer in Broad Street and of the elevation of said Street

Which was referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of Henry Maddin against the petition for opening a Street from 4^th to 6^th Street between Broadway and the Bowery were read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from owners of property on Fifth Avenue, and on 8^th

Street praying the same may be regulated to the permanent line—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[343] A Petition of John R Livingston complaining that persons stiling themselves the "Troy Steam Boat Company" have obstructed the pier at the foot of Courtlandt Street by piling a large quantity of wood on the same, and by running a Chain across the same thereby depriving Petitioner of the use of said pier for taking passengers on Board his Steam Boat the Olive Branch & praying relief in the premises—The same having been read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Benjamin Birdsell for permission to erect an Iron railing around Seven Houses which he was building in Jones Street—was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eight Ward and Street Commissr

A Petition of J W Woodward to be appointed a City Measurer was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition that the Side Walks in Christie Street may be paved between Broome and DeLancey Streets, was referred to the Street Committee

[344] A Petition of Joseph Seeley to be relieved from payment of a Tax assessed on a piece of Ground laid out as an open square or place at the junction of Grand and Harman Streets was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Remonstrance against paving the side walks of Division and Grand Streets from Arundle to Columbia Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thomas George to be appointed Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Request of J Delafield in behalf of the Philharmonic Society to be permitted to erect an Awning in front of the City Hotel on the 21st Instant, when a public concert is to be given by that Society was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with Authority to comply with the request

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that Peck Slip may be filled up so as to open and extend South Street was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

[345] A Petition of Owners of property on third Street, praying that said Street may be regulated from Avenue D to the East River was referred to the Street Committee

A Letter was received from Doctor John Sukely requesting on

account of Ill health to resign the office of Resident Surgeon of the Alms House—Which having been read it was Resolved, That the said resignation be accepted.

A Petition of William Chambers for Office of Resident Surgeon of the Alms House was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office with a request that they would report at the next meeting of the Board

A Petition in behalf of Andrew Mercein was received for relief from an Assessment for paving Chatham Street laid upon a Lot of which he is the Lessee but which Lease expires on the first of May next—Also for an extension of time for ten days for the removal of the house standing on the Lot the same being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

[346] A remonstrance against the petition for extending Crosby Street north of Bleecker Street was presented and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the Butchers in the lower Market at Catharine Slip praying the same may be lathed and plaistered was referred to the Market Committee.

The Committee on Laws to whom had been referred the 4th Section of the Act of the Legislature relating to Common Schools in this City passed 19th Novemr 1824 together with sundry memorials on the subject presented a report which was read, and the consideration thereof postponed—It was ordered that 300 Copies of the Report and 50 copies of the Law reported by the Committee be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the Members

The Market Committee to whom was referred a Petition for the removal of the Clerk at Center Market together with a Resolution respecting a division of the duties of the Clerk of the upper Markets—presented the following Report which was [347] approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Sundry persons in the vicinity of Centre Market, praying for the removal of the Clerk of said Market, together with a resolution referred to them on the 7th March last, respecting a division of the duties of the Clerk in the upper Markets beg leave to report.

That the Six upper Markets are at present under the charge of Mr Ammerman, and although several of them are very inconsiderable in size and the amount of business transacted in them, yet they are so widely seperated, that the Clerk, whose duty it is, to visit all daily, is prevented from paying proper attention to each, and from this cir-

circumstance alone the Committee presumes the complaints against the present incumbent have originated—Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Office of Clerk of the Six upper Markets be divided, and that Peter Ammerman, continue to perform the duties of Clerk of the Essex. Grand Street and Gouverneur Markets. during the [348] pleasure of the Board, and that a new Clerk be appointed for Centre. Spring St. and Greenwich Markets.

Philip Hone
Thomas Bolton
(Signed) Matthew Reed
D E Dunscomb

A Resolution was then adopted appointing Peter Ammerman to do the duties of Deputy Clerk of Center. Spring & Greenwich Markets until the further Order of the Board—and the Committee were requested to recommend a suitable person as Deputy Clerk for Centre Spring & Greenwich Markets.

The Market Committee on the petition of Owen Gerry for Stall N° 42 Washington Market reported in favour thereof as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Owen Geary for a Butchers License for the Stand N° 42 Washington Market, and of Peter Chivvis, the present occupant for leave to transfer the same, beg leave respectfully to report.

That they have made the necessary inquiry, and offer the following Resolution

[349] Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and a License be issued to Owen Geary, for the Stand N° 42 Washington Market.

Philip Hone
(Signed) Thos Bolton
Matthew Reed
D. E. Dunscomb

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessment on the Petition of John T Bulow Junr by his Attorney William G Buchnor for remission of Tax reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of William G Bucknor in behalf of John J Bulow Junior relative to an Assessment which is alledged to have been imposed through mistake beg leave to report.

That after a hearing of the facts and circumstances under which the assessment was made, to wit: the Said John J Bulow being a Minor and a non resident and he having no property or Estate in the County of New York. that the Collector of the said Assessment be restrained from Collecting the amount Assessed, and [350] that the same be returned by him among the errors and insolvencies of the Ward

respectfully Submitted by

Josiah Hedden
Saml Cowdrey
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm A Davis
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and adopted.

The Road Committee on the petition to Complete the 8th Avenue reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Road Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Ninth Ward, praying for the completion of the unfinished part of the Eighth Avenue Report: That Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment for opening said Avenue, Reported their proceedings in the year 1816—That in the year 1817, a contract for working and graduating said Avenue, was made, amounting to fifteen thousand Dollars, and several miles were worked, leaving about two Miles, in the centre of the line unfinished, That half of the amount, conditioned to be paid for Completing the work, was only paid! Considering, that very heavy Assessments, have [351] been paid by many individuals; and a long period has elapsed without any benefit, your Committee are of opinion, that the working of said Avenue should be completed: They therefore, beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner advertise for proposals for working the 8th Avenue from Nutter's Lane, to the intersection of the Bloomingdale Road. and that he report the same to this Board

Wm A Davis
Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Wm P Rathbone
John Agnew
E W King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of Isaac Valentine respecting transfer of lease of Hay Scales at Gouverneur Slip and for Stall in Greenwich Market reported as follows.

The Finance Committee, respectfully report: on the annexed petition of Isaac Valentine, and a Communication of the Counsel on that subject—A short time since the board directed a Lease of the Hay Scales at Gouverneur Slip to be made to the petitioner, but it appears that the [352] petition[er] has not executed the Lease, and has since hired a Stall in Greenwich Market, and wishes to have a butchers license, and to have the Lease of the Hay Scales made out to Sheubel Hall, Your Committee upon Considering this subject, respectfully offer the following resolutions

1 Resolved, That agreeably to the wish of M^{r} Valentine, he shall have the right to surrender said Lease, provided that he pays for the writings already prepared for him: and that there upon, the Counsel of the Board, make out the necessary Lease to Sheubel Hall of the said Hay Scales, which his Honor the Mayor be requested to authenticate during the recess of the Board.

II Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner for a Butchers License be referred to the Market Committee.

Asa Mann.
W^{m} H Ireland
(Signed) S^{l} Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
W^{m} Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[353] The Finance Committee on the Petitions of Francis Cochran and Hamilton Biggam for Water grants reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Francis Cochran and Hamilton Biggam, praying for Water Grants, The petitioner M^{r} Cochran is Assignee of three lots which are part of Henry Rankins Grant on the North River which is dated about the 6th December 1813. being fifty feet in front

The petitioners now wish from the board a grant in front of their premises, to West Street—And your Committee have proposed that the grants should be made to the easterly side of West Street free of any quit rent in addition to what they now pay, provided that they make one half of the Streets running along side of the premises and the whole of West Street, and the bulkhead to sustain the same in

front of their premises and keep the same forever in repair, The petitioners to have the right of receiving the wharfage in front of their premises until the Corporation shall require the same for establishing a public Slip, but no longer. The Street Commissioner has conferred with [354] the petitions on this subject, and they have agreed to accept grants on these terms—Your Committee therefore offer for the Consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, That the Counsel of the board prepare and report to this board the necessary grants to Francis Cochran and Hamilton Biggam, agreeably to the preceding report.

Asa Mann.
Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the subject of altering the compensation to the Assessors of the several Wards reported against the same as follows.

The Finance Committee, to whom the annexed Resolution was referred, on the subject of altering the Compensation to be hereafter allowed to the Assessors of Taxes in the several Wards of this City—respectfully report, that they have considered the said matter, and are of the opinion that the Assessors ought hereafter to be each allowed the Compensation fixed by a resolution of the Board on a report [355] of this Committee, and which resolution is now in force, By that resolution, the sums to be allowed to the Assessors of each Ward are established and Specified; and your Committee, under all the circumstances, think that a more equitable tariff cannot be fixed for the compensation of the Assessors hereafter, They therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the board, the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is not expedient to alter the tariff of compensation to be allowed to the Assessors.

Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the petition of James Hunt to have part of 9th Wood Inspection District added to the 10th, reported against the same as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of James Hunt, to have part of the Ninth District (of Inspection of Wood) added to the Tenth, making the Districts more equal

[356] Report, That your Committee have examined the return from said Districts at the City Inspectors Offices and find the Tenth District produces the most. and are of opinion it would be improper to make the alteration required—and therefore offer the following

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

(Signed) John Webb
Matthew Reed
Asa Mann
John Agnew
Wm H Ireland

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves piers and Slips on the petition of Rodman and Samuel Bowne Lessees of Catharine Slip Ferry for extension of pier at said Slip reported in favour thereof as follows.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of Rodman and Samuel Bowne Lessees of the Catharine Slip Ferry. Report: That they have had the subject under their consideration, and are of opinion the public as well as the Lessees would be benefitted by an extension of said pier [357] and as Messrs Bowne have offered to pay Sixpercent per Annum on the amount to be expended on said pier, to be Indorsed on their Lease as an additional rent for said ferry during the term of their said Lease. Your Committee are of Opinion the request of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted and therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner advertise for proposals to build one Block and Bridge at the South westerly side of Catharine Slip and that an Ordinance be prepared and passed to carry the same into effect.

(Signed) John Webb
Asa Mann
M Reed
Jno Agnew
Wm H Ireland

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of William Rhinelander to use the north side of his pier at the foot of Robinson St. for the exclusive use of Steam Boats reported against the same [as] follows.

The Committee on Wharves and piers to whom was referred the petition of William [358] Rhinelander to use the North side of his pier at the foot of Robinson Street for the [use] of Steam boats exclusively Report, That in the opinion of your Committee it would be interfering with the Law of the State. for the laying of Ships & Vessels at the wharves in this City. and inexpedient to pass an ordinance thereon and recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

All of which is Humbly Submitted

(Signed) John Webb
John Agnew
Wm H Ireland
Mw Reed
Asa Mann

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Owners and Agents of sundry Steam Boats to Lease Wharves for the accommodation of their Boats reported against the same as follows.

The Committee on Wharves and piers to whom was referred petitions of sundry owners and Agents of Steam Boats—to Lease Wharves for their accommodations [359] Report—That all the Wharves Piers and Slips belonging to the Corporation having been recently sold by public Auction it is not in the power of your Committee to Act on said petitions and therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee on Wharves and piers be discharged from the Consideration of the petition of Silas E Burrows E Dunscombe. Wm C Redfield, Nathaniel C Griffiths and Jonathan Peck

Humbly Submitted

(Signed) John Webb
John Agnew
Wm H Ireland
Matthew Reed
Asa Mann

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition of Jacob Rabbineau to Lease a Wharf for his Salt Water Bath reported against the same as follows.

The Committee on Wharves & piers to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Rabineau for permission to Locate his Salt water Bath in front of the Battery near Castle Garden—Report

That they are of Opinion such [360] Location would endanger the Wall of the Battery and likewise incommode the Inhabitants using that promonade—and therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) John Webb
John Agnew
Wm H Ireland
Mw Reed
Asa Mann

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Police Committee on the petition of Robert M Livingston for relief from certain penalties reported in favour thereof.

The Police Committee to whom the petition of Robert M Livingston was referred, respectfully report.

That Mr Livingston was by Several Ordinances of this Board directed to fill in certain sunken Lots, and not Complying with said Ordinances he was prosecuted for the penalties and petitioned for relief. The subject was referred to this Committee. Mr Livingston has now Complied with the Ordinances, and has [361] by the advise of this Committee paid the Costs of Suit. Your Committee therefore recommend that the penalties be remitted, and they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the above mentioned penalties be remitted and all further proceedings stayed,

(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Saml St John
Saml Cowdrey
Josiah Hedden
Wm A Davis

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Lands and places to whom was referred the

Memorial of a Committee of several Religious Societies on subject of the Law relative to Interments presented the following report.

The Committee on public Lands & places to whom was referred the Letter of B Strong Esquire, and others a Committee from several religious Societies within this City in reference to the measures of the Common Council prohibiting Interments within certain limits, beg leave to report

That they have carefully considered the matter referred to them, and find that [362] several suits are now pending and undetermined, some in favour of and others against this Corporation, founded on the ordinances in relation to interments Your Committee therefore deem it improper for them to express an Opinion on a subject involving legal questions, & on which Your Committee do not feel Competent to decide—they therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands and places be discharged from the further consideration of the above subject, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Laws.

(Signed) Sam[l] St John
Gideon Ostrander
W[m] Burtsell
Effingham Schieffelin

After some considerable discussion M[r] Agnew moved that the previous question be taken—the question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative

The question was then taken on the Report and was carried in the affirmative

Alderman Davis calling for a division the Members voted as follows

Affirmative, M[r] Recorder, Aldermen King Reed, Mann Taylor and Ostrander—[363] Mess[rs] St John, Agnew, Burtsell, Hedden Cox, Dunscomb & Schieffelin—13

Negative—Aldermen Wyckoff—Ireland, Cowdrey and Davis. Mess[rs] Bolton. Hone & Rathbone—7.

The Committee on Laws on the subject referred to them respecting obtaining a Transcript of certain Records from the Office of the Secretary of State, presented a Report suggesting the propriety of deferring an Application to the Legislature for the passage of a Law on the subject until the next Session of the Legislature & recommending the subject to be referred back to the same

Committee—Was read and the Report accepted and referred agreeably to the suggestion of the Committee

The Committee on Laws. to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Watson register of Dogs presented a report unfavorable to Petitioner which after some discussion was referred back to the same Committee.

The Street Committee on the petition to Open Wooster Street reported in favour as follows

The Street Committee to whom was [364] referred the Resolution for having Wooster Street opened and extended from Fourth Street to Eighth Street—Report their Opinion by the following resolution

Resolved. that Wooster Street be opened and extended from Fourth Street to Eighth Street, and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the Same carried into effect.

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.,

The Street Committee on the petition to Open Fifth Street reported in favour

A remonstrance against opening said Street was presented and read and thereupon the Report and the remonstrance were referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution to open Mercer Street presented a Report which was read—The remonstrance of J B Coles presented at this meeting was called up and read.

The Report of the Committee was in [365] favour of opening the Street—and was as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution, for the Opening and extending Mercer Street from the Southerly line of the property of David S Jones (near Fourth Street) to Eighth Street Report their opinion by the following resolution.

Resolved, That Mercer Street be opened and extended from the Southerly line of the property of David S Jones, to Eighth Street,

and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measurers for having the same carried into effect.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St. John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to pave Attorney Street reported in favour as follows. viz,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Peters and others praying that Attorney Street may be regulated and paved, from Division to Stanton Street, report their Opinion by the following Resolution

[366] Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Signed Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition of Robert N Waite to remove a bank of earth in front of his property reported in favour.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Robert N Waite for permission to remove a Bank of Earth in front of his Lots at the corner of the Third Avenue and 29[th] Street, in order that he may be enabled to improve his property, Report their Opinion by the following resolution

Resolved, that the request of the petitioner be granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John

[367] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to pave Willett Street reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hawkings and others to have Willett Street paved from

Stanton to North Street report that it is not practicable to pave that section of the Street at present inasmuch as the permanent regulation of North Street is not yet determined on they therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient at present to grant the request of the petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Saml St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Henry Eckford to be permitted to remove certain ground reported against the same as follows.

[368] The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Henry Eckford for permission to remove the Earth from Montgomery, Bancker and Scammel Streets to fill his water lots adjoining Stanton Street Slip. Report that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioner, and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved. that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Saml St John

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to regulate Arundel Street reported against the same [as] follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Bogardus and others to have Arundel Street regulated and paved from Stanton to North Street, Report that the request of the petitioners cannot be granted, inasmuch as that Arundel Street has not been opened to North Street, and is still the *[368] property of the heirs of Peter Stuyvesant.

accordingly they submit the following resolution

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Saml St. John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the recommendation of the Street Commissioner to open Mulberry Street reported in favour thereof.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Street Commissioner recommending the opening of and extending of Mulberry Street from its present termination, to Bleecker Street. Report that as Houston Street is about to be regulated from Broadway to the Bowery it becomes necessary to open Mulberry Street as suggested by the Street Commissioner, the ground required to be taken is Vacant, and contains less than two City Lots, they are therefore of the opinion that measures ought to be taken forthwith to Open said [370] Street, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that Mulberry Street be opened and extended to Bleecker Street, and that the Counsel to this Board take the Necessary measures to have the same carried into effect.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Saml St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to pave the side walks in Ludlow Street reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward J Boyle and Others to have the side walks laid in Ludlow Street, from Broome to Delancey Street report, their Opinion by the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Gideon Ostrander — Jacob B Taylor
Saml St. John — Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[371] The Street Committee on the petition to regulate Ridge Street reported in favour thereof as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Jn° Atwood and others to have Ridge Street regulated and paved from Division Street to Broome Street, and from Delancy Street to Rivington Street, Report, their opinion by the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to Regulate Forsyth Street reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Joseph Conklin and others requesting that Forsyth Street may be regulated & paved from Stanton to North Street, Report, that they are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and [372] accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition to pave the side Walks in Delancy Street reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Stillwell & others requesting that the sidewalks in Delancy Street may be paved from the Bowery to Goerick Street report their opinion in the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

[373] The Street Committee on the petition of the Presbyterian Church in the Bowery to erect an Iron railing reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of the Trustees of the Bowery Presbyterian Church for permission to erect a railing along the Elizabeth Street front of their Building Report their Opinion by the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the Petitioners be granted, provided such railing be constructed of Iron and under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted,

The Street Committee on the Petition to pave Sheriff Street reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of John Jarvis and others praying that Sheriff Street may [374] be regulated and paved from Stanton to North Street, Report, that on mature consideration they are of the opinion that the request of the petitioners ought not to be granted, inasmuch as that the regulation of North Street is not yet permanently fixed, they therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition to pave Houston Street reported in favour thereof as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the owners of property on Houston Street praying that, that Street may

be paved from Broadway to Thompson Street. Report, their Opinion by the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted,

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
[375] (Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St. John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition referred to them respecting paving side walks in the 6[th] Ward reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolutions relating to the paving of side walks in the Sixth Ward—Report, that in their opinion the laying side walks in the Streets therein specified is necessary and proper, and accordingly offer the following Resolutions

Resolved, that the side walks in all the Streets embraced in the annexed resolution be paved, and that Ordinances be passed accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

[376] The Street Committee to whom had been referred certain Resolutions of a Law on the subject of cleansing the Streets of the City presented a Report accompanied with the draught of a Law —which were read—the consideration postponed and made the order of the day on Monday next to which time the Board resolved to adjourn, The Report and Law was directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board an Act passed at the last Session of the Legislature entitled an Act respecting the collection of Taxes in the City of New York—passed April 6[th] 1825

The same having been read, it was ordered that 100 Copies of it be printed for the use of the Board.

The following resolution for straightening Sloat Lane was presented and adopted.

Resolved: That it is desirable for the public Convenience to

straighten and widen the Easterly side of Sloat Lane, at the corner of Pearl Street in the First Ward of the City of New York, on [*] the plan and lines laid down on a "Map of property required for the widening of Slote lane, between Garden and Pearl Streets in the First Ward of the City of New York" Surveyed by E W Bridges City Surveyor March 1825. (the same being a Street in that part of the City, not laid out into Streets, Avenues, Squares and Public places by the Commissioners of Streets & Roads in the City of New York, under and by virtue of the Act entitled an Act relative to improvements, touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York" passed April 3d 1807): and that the same is hereby ordered & directed to be done; and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court, at the ensuing May Term for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect, according to the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature in such case made and provided.

The Counsel presented a Petition to the Supreme Court for straightening & widening the Easterly side of Slote lane at the corner of Pearl Street in the First Ward of the [378] City of New York—which was directed to be duly authenticated.

The Counsel presented a Lease to Right Carpenter for premises N° 59 Chatham Street which was directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel herewith reports for execution a Lease to Right Carpenter for 21 Years from the 1st May next, of the premises known as 59 in Chatham Street, heretofore leased to John Rose—The Rent is $160 per Annum, payable quarterly, and was fixed by appraisers appointed pursuant to the resolution of the board of March 5th 1821, and the lease is drawn conformably to said Resolution

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which was directed to be duly executed

The Counsel presented the following Leases of the public Docks and Slips—which were directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel herewith presents for execution, Leases of the Public Docks and Slips for one Year from the first day of May next, at the rents and [379] to the persons following viz.

District N° 1 & 2 to Thomas R Smith for the Sum of $10.750.

District N° 3 to John R Soper for the Sum of $9.900

* New page, not numbered.—ED.

District N° 4 to Edward Hitchcock for the Sum of $15.050
District N° 5 to Henry S Platt for the Sum of $6650.
These leases have been made out by direction of the Comptroller agreeably to the printed conditions of Sale, and they contain all the usual covenants & provisions

Respectfully submitted

M. U[l]shoeffer

The Counsel presented a Deed to John Mason for lot N° 83 Common Lands which was directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel herewith presents for execution a deed to John Mason for Lot Number Eighty three Common Lands, for the consideration of Fifteen hundred Dollars, made in pursuance of the Resolution of this Board of 14th February 1825. This Deed is deliverable and the money to be paid on the 1st May next

Respectfully submitted

M. Ulshoeffer.

[380] The Counsel presented agreeably to the direction of the Board a Law entitled "a Law concerning Swine" which was passed and directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances, which were passed.

An Ordinance for paving the Side Walks in Elm Street from Leonard St. to Howard Street and Cary Dunn Junr Francis Peckwell and Isaac Kip were Appointed Assessors.

An Ordinance for paving the Side Walks in Collect, Rhynder and Hester Streets, and the Same Assessors were appointed.

An Ordinance for paving Side Walks in Canal and Walker Streets & the Same Assessors were appointed.

An Ordinance for paving Cross and Little Water Streets, & the Same Assessors were appointed.

An Ordinance for paving SideWalks in Anthony, Leonard, Franklin & White Streets, and the same assessors appointed.

An Ordinance for paving Houston Street from Broadway to Thompson Street and Cary Dunn Junior, Francis Peckwell [381] and John Salisbury were appointed assessors.

An Ordinance for paving Ridge Street from Division to Broome Street, and Abraham Dally, John Brower and John Targee were appointed assessors.

An Ordinance for paving Forsyth Street from Stanton Street to

North Street and Abraham Dally, Benjamin Prince and John Brower were appointed assessors.

An Ordinance for paving the Side Walks of Delancey Street from the Bowery to Goerick Street and James Bleecker, John Targee & Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

An Ordinance for paving the Side Walks of Ludlow Street from Broome to Delancey Street, and Abraham Dally Benjamin Prince and John Brower were appointed assessors.

An Ordinance for paving Attorney St. from Division to Stanton Street, and Benjamin Prince, John Brower & John Targee were appointed Assessors.

And Also, An Ordinance for making South Street from Catharine Street to Market Street.

He also presented an Assessment for making Cross Walks in the First [382] Ward, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

The Comptroller presented the following Report on the account of R Riker Esquire Chairman of Committee for reception of the Marquis La Fayette, which was ordered to be filed.

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that he has examined the account of R Riker. Chairman of the Committee for the reception and entertainment of General La Fayette; and which having been approved by the Committee, there appears to be a balance due to M^{r} Riker $159.94 for which a Warrant is reported this day

Respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) G N, Bleecker Compt^{r}

He also presented the following Report on the account of R Graves Esquire as Overseer of the Roads which was ordered to be filed.

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that he has examined the Account of R Graves Overseer of Roads, for the year ending 31 December 1824, and finds a balance due the Corporation $203.76, which is carried to new account.

[383] Respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) G N Bleecker Compt^{r}

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Hook & Ladder C^{o} N^{o} 3

William Stephens, Shoe Maker. Burrows St,

Vice Joseph Conklin Jun^{r} Join^{d} another C^{o}

Fire Engine C° N° 1

Henry Elmendorf, Painter, Thomas St
Vice Stephen Demyer. Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 4.

Conklin Titus, pocketbook maker, 198 Will^m St.
Vice John Dusinberry Resigned

Richard J Thorne, Accountant, 177 Greenwich
Vice Augustine J Battin Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 6.

Thomas West, Carpenter, 256 Spring St.
Vice Abraham Delamater Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 9.

Peter Gordon, Accountant 76 Pearl St.
Vice William H Valentine Deceased

Fire Engine C° N° 10

Philip Marks, Carpenter Nicho^s W^m Street
Vice William O Smith resigned

Jacob M Luff Butcher, 149 Crosby St.
Vice Daniel Bloomfield Deceased.

[384] Fire Engine C° N° 14.

Samuel Winterton Hatter 158 Fulton St
Vice Daniel Jacob Resigned

Robert Bage Hatter 152 Broadway
Vice Henry T Ramp Deceased

Bernard Colman Accountant 86 Mulberry
Vice Blasius Moore Resigned

Richard M. Demill Accountant 45 Murray
Vice Charles A King Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 16.

Thomas R Holden Grocer. 159 Front St.
Vice Smith Brinkerhoof, Joined 39

Fire Engine C° N° 19

Lewis R. Fisher. Grocer. 50 Pump St.
Vice Isaac Odell Left the City

Fire Engine C° N° 21

Robert Rich Accountant, 78 Mulberry St
Vice Samuel Low Deceased.

Fire Engine C° N° 23.

John C Woodruff, Carpenter, Broome St.
Vice William Bryden Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 24

Gilbert H Ball, Cabinet Maker, 62 Pearl St.
Vice Jacob T. Doty, Joined another C°

Fire Engine C° N° 28.

Norris Hicks, Butcher, Elizabeth St
Vice Thomas Jenkins, resigned.

Cornelius M Hendrickson Carpenter, 81 Green
Vice Jashen Sherwood Expelled.

[385] James Donaldson, Cordwainer, 9 Rynder.
Vice Isaac Skatts, Resigned,

Fire Engine C° 37.

Frederick Bogardus, leader maker, 44 Rosevelt,
Vice John Lloyd. Resigned.

Fire Engine C° N° 41

Gilbert W Lewis, House Carpenter, Suffolk St.
Vice John Darrow, Resigned

William Useted Carpenter, Eldridge St.
Vice John H Hulsart, Resigned

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances, which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

N°	1	T^s Megan	Occup^t	122	Anthony	St.	A privy
	2	A Bruce	"	43	Barclay	"	Do
	3	R^d S. Clark	"	17	Beaver	"	Do
	4	S^l Ward	"	38	"	"	Do
	5	J D Brown	"	39	"	"	Do
	6	J Drake	"	40	"	"	Do
	7	W^m Smith	"	52	"	"	Do
	8	T Wells	"	54	"	"	Do
	9	D & A Kingsland	"	47	Broad		Do
	10	Will^m Dawson	"	51	"		Do
	11	A Ludlow	"	310	Broome		Do
	12	[386] B Ogden	do	88	Bowery		"
	13	H Drake	do	6	*Carslise* [Carlisle]		"
	14.	A Asten	do	101	Duane		"
	15	J Steen	do	161	Fulton		"
	16	W Woodruff	do	174	"		"

17	R Heenan	Occupt	25	Garden	A privy
18	Q. C. Degrove	do	41	Greenwich	"
19	W. Ireson	do	100	"	"
20	G Harsin Jr	do	102	"	"
21	C Lozee	do	122	Liberty	"
22	J Gallis	do	6	Lumber	"
23	M Young	do	8	"	"
24	J Dunscomb	do	20	"	"
25	J W Tinsdale	do	28	"	"
26	T Hopper	do	30	"	"
27	H Waterman	do	32	"	"
28	B Buters	do	38	"	"
29	E Colgan	do	23	New St	"
30	W Welden	do	24	"	"
31	A M Haywood	do	55	Washington	"
32	J Clark	do	133	"	"
33	R Wortendyck	do	140	"	"
34	J Van Nostrand	do	141	"	"
35	J Wilmarth	do	142	"	"
36	E Pitcher	do	144	"	"
37	J W Higgins	do	149	"	"
38	P. Parrot	do	151	"	"
39	G Sitiott	do	153	"	"
40	R Trested	do	68	William	"
41	[*] W Wallace	do	94	Do	"
42	A Ledentue	"	148	Do	"
43	J C Vandenheuvel	Owner	77	Norfolk	a Lot
44	W. Slam	"	79	Do	"
45	T Baggot	Occupt	209	Orange	"
46	Grove Wright	Owner		Sullivan	"

(Signd) G Cuming City Inspecr

Mr Agnew presented a resolution that at all Special Meetings of the Board, the subject for which the meeting was called should alone be considered—Which was referred to the Law Committee.

Alderman Wyckoff stated that he had received information, that one of the Assistant Keepers of the Penitentiary had died, and he moved that the Board proceed immediately to the appointment of another to fill his place—which was agreed to, and the Board proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the Office when Joseph Tyson was chosen—and it was Resolved, That Joseph Tyson be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary.

Alderman Mann presented the following

Resolved, That Water Street be regulated from Catharine St. to Pike and from [388] Rutgers to Clinton Street and the curb laid on

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

the North Side and the side walk paved, which was referred to the Street Committee.

A Resolution was presented on the subject of removing the Flag Staff from the Battery—which was referred to the Committee on Lands and places.

A Resolution was presented to enquire into the expediency of altering the Culverts of the Sewers in Chapple Street—which was referred to the Canal Committee.

The Comptroller made the following Report.

Balance as per Acct. 28 March	286.	
Recd for Tax of 1824	22.300.	
" Rents	5.439.80	
" Streets	883.05	
" Fines &c of Attorney	737.70	
" Fines &c of Sheriff	656.06	
" Justices Courts	582.52	
" Cartmens Licenses	189.37	
" Mayoralty fees	85.	
		31.159.50

[389] 42 Accounts Audited

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2 do	666.75
Bleakley & Stagg " 3 do	645.75
R Graves St Commr 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst	400.
G B Smith Asst. St. Commr 1 Qr do 15 "	337.50
Jno Sidell first Marshall 1 Qr do 1 "	225.
C. Gilman Keeper Battery 1 Mo " 1 "	31.
A McCready " Park 1 " 1 "	31.
R Riker Chairn Committee for reception &c of Genl La Fayette balance	159.94
G B Thorp to pay work in the park	113.98
R Jaques 58 days work on the Battery	58.75
J McMurray making Index to Maps Register's Office	80.
J Bremner Clerk Catharine Market 1 Mo 1 Inst and Expenses	66.56
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo. 1 Inst	65.29
P Amerman Clerk 6 Markets 1 Mo 1 Inst	55.50
A Leggett Supers & Work Mud Scow to 10 Inst	129.56
R Riker Recorder, 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst	375.
J Johnson & J, H, Bailey Assessors of tax 1824, 1st Ward, additional allowance	80.
J Drake & W W Fox Assessors of Tax 1824, 2d Ward additional allowance	51.
[390] N. C. Griffiths & J Graham Assessors of Tax 1824, 3rd Ward additional allowance	80.

J B Schmelzel & D Sutton Assessors of Tax 1824, 5th Ward additional allowance	75.	
P Halstead & C McLean Assessors of Tax 1824, 6th Ward additional allowance	58.	
J M Tuthill & C Fordham Assessors of tax 1824, 7th Ward, additional allowance	81.	
G Coutant and H Howard, Assessors of tax 1824, 8th Ward, additional allowance	63.	
T Miller & J Adriance, Assessors of Tax 1824, 9th Ward additional allowance	79.	
S. Purdy & J Halsey. Assessors of Tax 1824, 10th Ward, additional allowance	36.	
T R Smith & Associates. Commissrs fees & Expences Opens Houston St. fr Broadway to Bowery	814.25	
J Towt & Associates. Comrs fees & expences opens 6th Avenue fr. Greenwich Lane to 13th Street	469.64	
J Kip & Associates. Comrs fees & expences opens 1st Street from 1 Avenue to North St	253.46	
Jas Renwick for Surveys regulg Streets b North & 34th Street fr Bowery to E river	750.	
J Sloan Acct. reg. & Curb Amity St. from Broadway to 6th Avenue	300.	
R Pettigrew Acct reg & pavg Washington St from Beaver Lane to Marketfield St	300.	
[391] J B. Thorp & Associates Commrs fees & Expences taking Ground for public place at Junction Harman & Grand St	219.62	
H Smith Acct Cross walks 3d Ward	100.	
S. Fargay bal. reg & repav Chatham St. from Broadway to Tryon row	84.54	
E W Bridges Surveys &c 1 Qr 1 Inst	221.44	
E Doughty do 1 " 1 "	140.20	
J T Ludlam do 1 " 1 "	112.02	
G. Charlton 1st paymt Well Clarkson St. near Greenwich St.	38.25	
A Burtis Supert Alms House for working Convicts	1000.	
A Burtis Supert Alms House for Alms House	5000.	
R Graves Street Commr for 25 Trees in the Park	18.75	
Balance		$16479.75

The Board adjourned.

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OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

APRIL 14, 1825 TO JUNE 9, 1825

[1] In Common Council April 14th 1825

Special Meeting

Present. The Honble William Paulding Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St. John
William H Ireland	———
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	———
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	D. E. Dunscomb
William A Davis	———
Gideon Ostrander	———

The reading of the Minutes of the last Meeting upon motion was dispensed with.

Alderman King rose in his place and stated that this Meeting had been called on account of the alarming State of a malady prevailing at the Penitentiary

[2] Alderman Wyckoff presented a Draught of a Law in relation to the removal of persons confined in the public prisons in cases of an epidemic prevailing therein,

Which being read by paragraphs was after some amendments approved of, and his Honor the Mayor was requested to prepare a suitable memorial to the Legislature for the enactment of the said Law, which Memorial was directed to be duly authenticated during the recess of the Board & transmitted to the Legislature now in Session at Albany.

Upon motion of Alderman Mann it was agreed that a special Agent be sent to Albany to use his endeavours to have the Law passed.

Alderman Wyckoff was accordingly selected and requested to proceed immediately to Albany.

A Resolution was adopted requesting the Committee on the Fever Hospital to have said building prepared for the accommodation of the prisoners now confined in the Penitentiary

The following Resolution was presented, and adopted

Resolved, That the Committee on the [3] Fever Hospital be authorised to employ one or more skilful Physicians to attend the prisoners at the Penitentiary during the Sickness now prevailing at that place.

The Board adjourned.

[4] Special Meeting In Common Council April 16th 1825

Present The Honble Wm Paulding Mayor President.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thos Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	_____
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
_____	Willm Burtsell
_____	_____
_____	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	_____
Wm A Davis	_____
Gideon Ostrander	_____

The reading the Minutes of the two last Meetings were dispensed with.

Alderman Wyckoff who was dispatched as a special Messenger to procure the passage of a Law relative to the Penitentiary reported he had obtained the enactment of the same. And offered the following Resolution which was adopted.

[5] Resolved, That the Keeper of the Penitentiary be and he is hereby authorised and directed, under the advise of the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell to cause as many of the Prisoners now under confinement in the penitentiary to be removed and transferred to the building called the Fever Hospital, as may be securely confined therein, and as they may think expedient so to remove, and there safely to keep and confine such prisoners for the time of their respective sentences or until otherwise directed by this Common Council.

Alderman Ireland offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be presented to Alderman Wyckoff, for the zeal he has evinced, and the unexampled dispach he has made in procuring the passage of a Law, applied for to the Legislature by this Common Council at their last Meeting.

Alderman Davis presented a Law relative to certain Nuisances therein mentioned, which was referred to the Alderman and Assistants of the 9th and 10th Wards.

The Board adjourned.

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[7] Special Meeting In Common Council April 18th 1825

Present The Honble William Paulding Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St. John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	D E Dunscomb
Wm A Davis	
Gideon Ostrander.	

The Minutes of the last regular meeting and the two Special Meetings were read and approved.

A Petition of William C Redfield stating he has made a contract with Edward Hitchcock Lessee of District No 4 of Docks and Slips for an accommodation for the Connecticut River Steam Boats at East side of Fulton Market Slip and [8] requesting the Corporation to sanction the same was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition from William C Redfield was also presented requesting the Board would grant permission to one of the Lessees of the Public Docks and Slips to rent them a Wharf at the Albany Basin for the accommodation of the Commercial Line of Steam Boats—which was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Thomas R Smith Lessee of District No 1 & 2 of Wharves & Slips requesting Corporation to sanction a Lease he has agreed to make to proprietors of Steam Boats for use of piers, at the north side of Albany basin and at the foot of Dey Street, being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A petition of Joel Root for permission to occupy a place in one of the public Slips for the New Haven Steam Boat, was presented and referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers and Slips.

[9] A Petition of Nicholas Fish was received stating that a Water Grant has been directed to be made out to petitioner for Land under water between 8th and 9th Street—but that petitioner having sold the same to Abraham Voorhes and William Dilworth he prays the grant may be made to them. And a petition from Voorhes and Dilworth to the same effect was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Richard Dickinson to be relieved from a personal Tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Silas White to be relieved from a personal Tax, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Inhabitants in Front Street between James Slip and Catharine Market and on James Slip that the Street may be paved in front of their property, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from William Rhinelander and others that for the accommodation of the River trade two basins may be constructed in the North river between the Piers at Murray & Chamber Streets, which may be effected by the erection of a pier at the foot of Warren Street, [10] was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of John Langdon to be reinstated as a Measurer of Grain, was referred to the Committee on applications for Office.

A Petition of David Marsh Junior to be appointed Deputy Clerk of Centre—Spring St and Greenwich Markets, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Ezra Frost for Office of Deputy Clerk of Centre, Spring St & Greenwich Markets, was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Hannah Murray was received stating that she is owner of a pier and basin on the North river bounded Southerly by the Albany basin—That it having been ordered that West Street be filled up, the said Basin will be greatly reduced—She therefore requests that the North pier of the Albany Basin may be continued and extended—Which having been read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Anson Myer for Office of Measurer of Grain, was referred to the [11] Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of W. S Kuypers M. D. for Office of Resident Surgeon of the Alms House, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in vicinity of Washington and

Charlton Streets—was received and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward, and Street Commissioner

A Petition of J & T Peck & Co owners of Steam Boat Linneas on Subject of accommodation for said Boat on West side of Fulton Market, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of James H Rogers M. D., for Office of Resident Surgeon of the Alms House was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Owners of Steam Boat Franklin for the exclusive privilege of the lower birth at the foot of Dey Street within the L. for said Steam Boat, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

[12] A Remonstrance against the removal of the Horse Market, was presented and laid on the table.

A Petition of John Butler for Office of Deputy Clerk of Centre and other Markets was referred to the Market Committee,

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants and Owners against the petition for filling up Peck Slip—was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition from a number of the Members of Fire Engine Company No 34. complaining of misconduct of some persons belonging to said Company, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of George Painter for Office of Clerk of the upper markets, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of George Greig for Office of Measurer of Coals, was presented and laid on the table—it was afterwards called up and he was appointed.

A remonstrance of the marketmen, Fishermen and others of the Fulton Market against [13] allowing the New Haven Steam Boats to occupy the Slip in front of Fulton Market, was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

An Invitation from J Roulston stating that he should open a Riding School in Lawrence Street near Canal Street to-morrow and requesting the Members and their families to honor him with their presence—was read and ordered to be filed

The finance Committee on the petition of Mowatt Brothers & Co and of D P Campbell & Campbell P White to have Pier No 6 on the North river set apart for Steam Boats exclusively reported against the same as follows.

The Committee on Wharves, piers and Slips to whom was referred the annexed petitions of Mowatt Brothers & Co. D L Campbell and

Campbell P White to have pier N° 6 on the North river, and the basin adjoining the same set apart for the exclusive use of their Steam and tow boats—Report, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners in as much as it would be an improper interference with the State law on that subject, and therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That the prayer of the [14] Petitioners ought not to be granted.

Humbly submitted

John Webb
John Agnew
(Sign[d]) Matthew Reed
Asa Mann
William H Ireland

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Report of the Street Committee on the subject of cleansing the Streets which together with the Law presented by them was laid for consideration, was now called up and read—The Report of February 25[th] was as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution respecting the removal of Filth and Dirt from the Streets in this City. Report, That they have given the subject that attention which it so much merits, as connected with the health and convenience of the citizens, as well as others who visit us on business or otherwise. It is well known that various plans have been devised, and various measures pursued by former Boards, to accomplish that desirable object. Clean & Wholesome Streets. How far they have succeeded, past experience can testify, what those plans & measures have been; and how far it would be wise and prudent in this Board to pursue [15] them further is submitted

Your Committee would however, offer for the consideration of this Corporation, the following as the result of their deliberations, and which in their opinion is deserving of a trial for One Year.

Heretofore, the Street Manure has been a subject of revenue; and in order to obtain the largest sum, contracts have been made with one, (seldom more than two) persons for the whole City. Those few having the monopoly, and paying a large sum for the privelege, their interest only was consulted by them, and the filth and dirt removed, only when that interest was best subserved, notwithstanding the Citizens duly and faithfully swept and heaped the manure as by law they were directed.

The plan proposed by your Committee, is to divide the City into nine Districts, corresponding with the nine lower wards. That each district should be farmed separately. That the contractor for each district, shall sweep and remove all the filth and dirt therefrom on certain days, to be prescribed by ordinance, and generally, that such measures be adopted as shall insure the faithful performance of contracts agreeably to the plan herein proposed and recommended. In order that the same may be carried into effect [16] they submit the following resolutions.

Resolved, That for the better and more efficiently sweeping and cleansing the Streets in this City, that it be divided into Nine districts, corresponding with the nine lower Wards.

Resolved, That each of the foregoing districts, be farmed or let to one or more persons who shall contract to sweep and cleanse the Streets therein, on such terms as may be agreed on by this Board.

Resolved, That all Ordinances of this Corporation for the removal of Filth and Dirt from the Streets in this City, be amended so as to conform to the foregoing resolutions

Jacob Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John
Philip Hone

The Report presented this Meeting was as follows. (to wit).

The Street Committee respectfully report that they have had under consideration certain resolutions and a Law offered in the board, and which are hereunto annexed, relating to the mode of cleansing the Streets of the City, and a former Report of this Committee on the same subject, That they find the subject to be a difficult one; but have [*] arrived at a conclusion in favour of having the Streets Swept and the manure removed by Contractors for each ward; and each ward to be sub-divided into three sweeping districts, which shall be swept as heretofore twice in each week; and in case the contractor neglects either to Sweep or to remove the manure, in any Street, or part of a Street, then the Inspector of the Ward is to cause the same to be done at the expense of the contractor, who is to repay the amount so expended by reason of his neglect

Your Committee however refer to the law itself (which they have had prepared) for the details of their plan; and they herewith submit

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the same for the consideration of the Board, and offer for consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That the said law be passed, and forthwith published, and that the Finance Committee take immediate measures to dispose of the contracts under the law, in the most advantageous and expeditious manner.

J B Taylor
Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone

The Law presented being under discussion the first Section of the same was read in the [18] words following.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, That the 1st 2d 3d 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th and 10th wards of this City, as now existing, shall each be a separate contract district, as hereinafter is provided—and that the manure, filth, dirt, rubbish, and all other substances, which shall be found in the paved Streets, and the Streets whereof the Carriage way only is or shall be paved, in each of the said districts, and all the offals, garbage, dirt, and filth which shall be brought out from the houses, cellars, alleys, yards and lots, in each of the said districts as hereinafter directed, shall be granted by the Common Council annually to such one or more fit and proper person or persons as shall contract for the same, for either of the said districts; and for such sum or sums of money, and with one or more surity or sureties as may be agreed upon between the said Common Council and such contractors; And that such contractors shall likewise cause all the Streets of their respective districts to be swept and cleansed, and in all other respects comply with the requirements of this law.

Debates being had thereon Alderman Ireland moved that the same be stricken [19] out and requested a division thereon,

The members having been called voted as follows.

Negative—Mr Recorder, Aldermen, Cowdrey, Webb, Reed, Mann, Taylor, Davis, Ostrander—Assistants St John, Hone, Agnew, Burtsell Hedden, Cox & Dunscomb—15.

Affirmative, Aldermen Wyckoff—King & Ireland—Assistant Bolton—5.

So the question passed in the negative—The Law was then considered by paragraphs amended and passed under the Title of "a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets"

The question was then taken on the Resolution reported by the Committee and the same was adopted.

It was ordered that 100 Copies of the Law be printed for the use of the Board.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Wright Carpenter for reduction of Ground rent on Lot N° 73 Chatham Street, reported against the same as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Right Carpenter praying for a reduction of Rent. respectfully Report; That the Petitioners Rent was agreeably to a former Resolutions of this Board, fixed by appraisers, who determined upon the sum of one hundred and Sixty dollars [20] per Annum, as a fair rent for the premises occupied by him. They see no reason for departing from the determination of the appraisers, and they therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

Respectfully submitted

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff,
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom had been referred a resolution respecting placing the proceeds of all real Estate sold since the 1st January last or hereafter to be sold to the Credit of the Commissioners of the sinking fund reported as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom the annexed Resolution was submitted for consideration, Respectfully Report. That they have deliberately considered the same and are of the opinion that the same ought to be adopted. They therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the same by this Board

Respectfully Submitted

[21] Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The finance Committee to whom had been referred the petition of Andrew Mercein reported in favour of the same as follows.

The finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Thomas R Mercein praying that his father may have until the eighth day of May next for removing the houses on one of the lots near the Debtors Gaol,

Respectfully Report.

That the application appears reasonable, and this Committee think it ought to be granted, and made to apply to all the tenants in the same situation with Mr Mercein; They therefore report the following Resolution.

Resolved: That the Lessees of this Corporation who have been served with notice to quit, and occupying the property on the North side of Chatham Street near the Debtors Gaol, may have ten days from and after the first day of May next to remove the same: Provided that nothing in this Report or Resolution contained shall be [22] construed to affect the notices to quit already served on the said tenants, except as to the removal of the buildings.

Respectfully Submitted.

Asa Mann
William H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Samuel Cowdrey
William Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred a Resolution for regulating Water Street reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution, Report; that in their opinion, the subject embraced therein ought to be carried into effect, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that Water Street be filled up and regulated, the Curb Stone set, and the side walk paved on the northerly side thereof from Catharine Street to Pike Street and from Rutgers Street to Clinton Street, and that Ordinances be passed accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Saml St John
Philip Hone
[23] Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom had been referred the petition to have Crosby Street extended from Bleecker to Fourth St. reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Philip Brasher & others requesting that Crosby Street may be opened and extended to Fourth Street; Report: that they have duly considered the subject, and finding a very great majority of the Owners of property which would be affected by the proposed opening are opposed to it—Your Committee are induced to submit their opinion by the following resolution.

Resolved. That it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Saml St. John
Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the petition to regulate the 5th Avenue and 8th Street reported in favour as follows.

[24] The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of George P Rogers and others requesting that the 5th Avenue be regulated to Thirteenth Street, and Eighth Street from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue—Report that in their opinion such regulation is necessary and proper, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Saml St. John
Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom had been referred back their Report on petition for opening 5th Street together with a Remonstrance against the same presented a Report

Their first Report was in the words following.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons to have Fifth Street opened from Broadway to the Bowery,

report—that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought [25] to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the same carried into effect.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Saml St. John
Philip Hone

The Report presented at this meeting was as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred back their report on the petition for opening Fifth Street from Broadway to the Bowery, as also the remonstrance against such opening, Report that notwithstanding the respectable names affixed to the remonstrance they are compeled to adhere to their former report, inasmuch as that Fifth Street is a part of the regular plan of that part of the City, and in the Opinion of your Committee it would be highly improper to alter that plan by doing away that part of Fifth Street, which would entirely obstruct the communication through that Street from Greenwich Village to the East river—they therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution [26] annexed to their former report.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Samul St John
Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander

Whereupon the Resolution proposed in their first Report was adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for the removal of the Horse Market reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of owners and occupants of the Buildings on, and in the vicinity of Hudson Street, setting forth that the present location of the Horse Market renders the passing through Hudson Street extremely dangerous, as that Street is principally used for the Trial of Horses, on days of Sale—and praying the removal of that Establishment to some other and more suitable place—Report that the facts set forth by the petitioners are true, and in order to remedy the evil complained of your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that the Market for the Sale of Horses be removed from its present [27] location, to Greenwich Lane at its junction with the Sixth Avenue.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Saml St John
Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander

The remonstrance against the removal presented at this meeting was called up and read—the question was then taken on agreeing to the resolution reported by the Street Committee, and it was carried in the affirmative—It was ordered to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

The Street Committee on the petition to pave the side walks in Christie Street reported in favour.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for paving the side walks in Chrystie Street from Broome to Delancy Street—Report that in their opinion the request of the petitions ought to be granted, and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Asa Mann
[28] Samuel St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the petition for the establishment of a Pound in the 9th Ward, reported as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward, to whom was referred a petition of the Inhabitants, for the establishment of a Pound, and the appointment of Damage Viewers, in the upper part of the ninth Ward, beg leave to Report: That by an Act of the Legislature of this State, passed in 1813, it is provided, that there shall be made or kept, one or more sufficient pounds, in each City or town of this State —and that it shall be lawful for the Common Councils of the several Cities of New York, Albany & Hudson, from time to time to appoint Keepers of the respective pounds of their Cities, who shall hold their Offices during the pleasure of the said Common Council respectively" —and it appearing reasonable & proper that the prayer of the Petitioners, in this respect, should be granted, the following Resolution is respectfully offered:

Resolved, That a pound be established in the Town of Harlaem, in the 9th Ward, and that Abraham Vermilyea, be appointed [29] Keeper thereof.

Your Committee beg leave further to Report, That by the Law of this State, above recited, the Common Council are empowered to make such rules and regulations for making amending and maintaining the fences in the said Cities respectively, as they shall from time to time judge most convenient & proper." and that the fence viewers, are to appraise the damage, in all cases of trespass.

Your Committee would further observe, that, by an ordinance of the Common Council, passed in 1817, the Alderman and Assistant of the respective Wards, for the time being are made Arbiters in cases of dispute respecting fences

Signed Wm A Davis

Whereupon the Resolution proposed by them was adopted and Abraham Vermilyea was appointed Keeper of said Pound.

Alderman Davis also presented the following

Resolved. That Nathaniel Holmes and John Higham be appointed fence viewers in the 9th Ward of this City—which was referred to the Law Committee.

The Committee on Applications for Office on the Petitions of J W. Woodward [30] and Samuel Cornwell for Office of Measurer of Grain presented a Report which was read and laid on the table.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for filling and curbing Water Street from Catharine to Pike Street and from Rutgers to Clinton Street, which was passed and Benjamin Prince, John Targee, and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors

Also an Ordinance for paving the sidewalks in Chrystie Street from Broome to Delancy Street & Francis Peckwell Cary Dunn Junior & John B[r]ower were appointed Assessors.

He also on the reference to him respecting Pools of Stagnant Water in Elizabeth Street, reported as follows.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the memorial of sundry persons, residents and owners of property in Elizabeth St. between Prince and Bleecker Streets, representing that there are stagnant ponds of water in that Street, and praying that speedy measures may be taken to remedy the evil, Reports, that the facts set forth by the petitioners are true—and in order that the nuisance complained of may be abated—[31] the undersigned would recommend that Elizabeth Street, Mott Street, Mulberry Street, and Houston

Street be filled up to the permanent regulation, and that Ordinances be passed accordingly

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves
St. Commr

Which was approved and the Ordinances were directed to be reported accordingly.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed,

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances,

No					
1	J R Livingston	Owner		Chapel & Anthony St	A Lot
2	Jas Roosevelt	do		Chrystie St	"
3	R M Livingston	do		Laurens St	"
4	J Sherwood	Agent	560	Pearl St	"
5	R M Livingston	Owner		Broome St.	"
6	E. Elmendorf	do	39	Anthony St	a privy
7	J Farrell	Occupant	49	Cedar St.	"
8	J Rooke	Owner	115	Elm St	"
9	J Rooke	do	117	Do	"
10	P Winans	do	123	Do	"
11	J Silcock	do	530	Pearl St	"
12	Thos C. Morton	do		Republican Alley	"

Geo Cuming
City Inspector

[32] Mr Bolton presented a Resolution referring to the Street Commissioner to inquire and report whether it is not necessary to adopt some uniform plan in relation to Grates or coverings over Street Vaults, which Resolution was adopted.

Alderman Reed presented a Resolution for erecting a Bridge across the Bowery road opposite to First Street which was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Ostrander presented a Resolution to extend Attorney Street from Broome to Division Street,

And also a Resolution to open Ridge Street from Broome to Division Street, which were referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Burtsell presented a Resolution authorising the Street Commissioner to hire persons to cleanse the Sewers in Chapple St. which was referred to the Canal Committee.

Mr Cox moved that the Board proceed to fill the Office of Measurer of Charcoal, made vacant by the death of John Ashford—which was agreed to and George Greig was duly chosen—And it was

Resolved, That George Greig be and he [33] is hereby appointed a Measurer of Charcoal.

Mr Hone presented a Resolution respecting the renewal annually of the appointment to the Office of Street Inspector, which was referred to the Law Committee.

A Member stating he had confidential business to communicate the Lobby was cleared and the Doors were closed.

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[35] In Common Council April 25th 1825.

Present The Honble William Paulding Mayor Presidt
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
Willm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox.
Jacob B Taylor	
William A Davis	
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

A Petition of John Nitchie residing in Broad Street praying that the sewer in that Street may be repaired, was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Crowell Lessee of Hay Scales at Duane Street praying for the [36] Appointment of Weigher of Hay, was presented and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office, who immediately [reported] thereon in favour as follows,

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Crowell to be appointed Weigher of Hay at the foot of Duane Street, respectfully report that the prayer ought to be granted & beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That Joseph Crowell be and he is hereby appointed a Weigher of Hay at the foot of Duane Street.

(Signed) Matthew Reed
Jameson Cox.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

A Petition of Thomas Fairchild Inspector of Paving praying an additional Compensation for his services, was referred to the Street Committee

A Communication was received from Thomas Longworth on the subject of cleansing the Streets—which was laid on the table, it was afterwards called up and referred to the Special Committee appointed on that subject, of which the Recorder was Chairman.

A Petition of Joel Root for permission that the Steam Boats United States and Hudson [37] may lie in the Fly Market Slip—was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A Petition of John Gelston was received stating that he is the owner of the house now occupied by the Corporation for the reception of Small Pox patients and being desirous of disposing of the same wishes to be informed whether the Corporation are desirous of becoming purchasers of it, which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Paul for Office of Inspector of Firewood, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Benjamin Watson Registers of Dogs, praying for a reconsideration of the Report of the Law Committee on his petition made on the 11th Inst, was read and laid on the table—it was afterwards called up and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of William Addee for relief from a personal tax assessed on him, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Henry J Wyckoff for a Water Grant in the 5th Ward between the [38] corner of Washington and Laight Streets to extend to West Street, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of A Keeler to be relieved from a personal tax assessed on him, was referred to the Committee on Assessment.

A Petition of William Leavens for a Water Grant in front of his Lot between Laight & Hubert Streets to extend to West Street, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Archibald Davie for a Water Grant on Washington Street was referred to the finance Committee.

A Petition of Ephraim Paulk for relief from a personal Tax assessed *of* [on] him, was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Albany Basin against granting an exclusive privilege to Steam Boats to lie in said basin was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

[39] A Petition of Nicholas Gouverneur and others was received stating that on or about the 7th of March last Peter G Stuyvesant made application to the Corporation to be informed of the Terms upon which they would grant to him the Water right on the East river in front of his land between 15th & 23d Streets, that in pursuance of such petition the Corporation passed certain Resolutions fixing the rates at which grants would be given on said property—That Petitioners have since purchased from Mr. Stuyvesant the land abovementioned and they pray that water grants may be issued to them upon the said conditions—which being read was referred to the finance Committee.

A Petition of Charles Holt to be appointed one of the persons to take the census of the City—was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants at James Slip praying that the said Slip may be filled up, was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A remonstrance from John Rooke and others residing at Manhattan Island against the opening of third Street on Manhattan Island was referred to the Street Committee.

[40] A Petition of John Rock for permission to remove a wooden building N° 213 Division Street to Lot N° 248 in same Street, which being read was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of 7th and 10th Wards with authority to grant the request.

A Petition of Thomas R Smith Lessee of District N° 4 of Public Slips complaining of the conduct of John R Soper supervisor of Slips in the first Ward, which having been read was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

A Petition of Nathaniel Slawson to be appointed Deputy Clerk of one of the Markets, was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants in the vicinity of the present location of Engine N° 15 remonstrating against the removal of it therefrom—was referred to the Committee on fire department.

A remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants and owners in the vicinity of Collect and Pearl Streets against extending the Sewer in Collect Street to Pearl Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

[41] A Petition of the Trustees of St Patricks Cathedral on the subject of the apportionment of the School money was presented and laid for consideration.

A Petition from the Inhabitants residing in Chatham Street between Tryon row and Duane Street requesting that the side walks

in front of their property may be regulated—was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of J S Gautier for Office of Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary, was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of the Chemical Bank for relief from an Assessment on a Lot owned by them—was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Letter from John W Wyman on subject of his demand, accompanied with an Act of the Legislature passed at the last session on the subject was referred to the Counsel.

A Petition of George Wilson for a Well and Pump in the 8th Avenue near Love lane—was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward.

[42] The Finance Committee on the petition of Nicholas Fish and Dilworth & Voorhees in relation to a Water Grant reported in favour of the Petitioners as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully Report on the annexed petition of Nicholas Fish, Wm Dilworth & Abrm Voorhes, That it appears that a short time since, upon the Report of this Committee, a water grant between 8th & 9th Streets on the East river, was directed to be made out to Col. Fish one of the petitioners: But that Col. Fish having sold the adjoining upland, and also his right to the land between high and low water so directed to be granted to him, does not wish to have the grant made out to himself, and has petitioned that the said Grant should be made to the other petitioners Wm Dilworth & Abraham Voorhees, Your Committee see no reason against complying with the prayer of the petitioners, and therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, that upon Col Fish's executing a proper surrender of the Grant to himself, and paying the expences of the Grants already made out, the Counsel of the Board prepare the necessary grant of said Water Lot to Messrs Dilworth and Voorhees upon the same terms.

[43] Asa Mann
William H Ireland
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution adoption[ed].

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips on the petition of Joel Root & others for the exclusive privilege of the pier on the West side of Fulton Market Slip reported against the same as follows.

Report of the Committee on Wharves & Piers on the Petition of Joel Root and others for the exclusive privilege of the pier on the west side of Fulton Market Slip Report—That the pier prayed for by the petitioners on the west side of Fulton Market Slip is the one used by the fishermen for their float and Cars, which require full one half the length of said pier, the Steam Boats applyed for are large, and could not have length at the pier without removing the fishermen. Your Committee are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner could not be granted without great inconvenience and therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

respectfully submitted

John Webb
Asa Mann
[44] (Signed) Wm H Ireland
John Agnew
Matthew Reed

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips on the petition of the owner of the Steam Boat Franklin to have a pier or Birth at foot of Dey Street for their Steam Boat reported against the same as follows.

Report of the Committee on Wharves & Piers on the petition of owners of Steam Boat Franklin, for the exclusive privilege of the end of the pier at the foot of Dey Street for their Steam Boat, Report, That the birth required at the foot of Dey Street in the vicinity of the washington market is in constant use by the Market Boats and others bringing wood and other Articles to this City and in the opinion of your Committee ought to be kept for such purposes, and therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

John Webb
Asa Mann
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
John Agnew
[45] Matthew Reed

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the petition of J & T Peck & Co for the privilege of the Steam Boats lying in Fulton Slip reported in favour thereof as follows.

The Committee on Wharves and piers to whom was referred the

petition of J & T Peck & C° for the privilege of using the pier on the west side of Fulton Market Slip for his Steam Boat Linnaeus and also the Steam Boat Providence—Report. That these boats being small (under one hundred tons) no Inconvenience would result to the fishermen, or Market Boats, by their occupying the outward half of said pier, and therefore offer the following,

Resolved, That J & T Peck & C° be allowed the exclusive privilege of using the said pier for his Steam Boat Linneaus and Steam Boat Providence, not to exceed one half the length of said pier for one year commencing on the first day of May 1825 and ending on the 1st day of May 1826.

Respectfully submitted

John Webb
Asa Mann
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
John Agnew
[46] Matthew Reed

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips on the petition of William C Redfield for permission to use the pier on the easterly side of Fulton Slip for the Connecticut river Steam Boat Company reported in favour as follows.

The Petition of William C Redfield, for permission to come into Fulton market Slip with his Steam Boats Oliver Elsworth and New London and use the pier on the easterly side of said Slip—Report—That the Easterly side of Fulton Market Slip is not much used by Market Boats, or fishermen, and would not incommode the public by being occupied agreeably to the prayer of the petitioner—Your Committee offer the following Report

Resolved, That the Steam Boats Oliver Elsworth and New London, be permitted to come into Fulton Market Slip and have the exclusive privilege of using the West side of the East pier of said Slip for One year commencing on the 1st day of May 1825, and ending on the 1st day of May 1826,

Respectfully submitted

John Agnew
John Webb
[47] Signed Asa Mann
William H Ireland
Matthew Reed

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips on the petition of John R Livingston complaining of the Troy Steam Boat Company obstructing the pier at the foot of Courtlandt Street, reported against the same as follows.

Report of the Committee on Wharves and Slips on the petition of John R Livingston to have obstructions removed from the Pier at the foot of Courtlandt Street—Report, That your Committee have given the subject their serious consideration and are of opinion it is not a proper subject for the Common Council to Legislate upon at present, as the Law of the State as also this City Ordinances, provide a remedy for the grievance complained of and therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved. That the Committee be discharged from further consideration on this subject.

Respectfully submitted

John Webb
Asa Mann
(Signed) Wm. H Ireland
[48] John Agnew
Matthew Read

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the subject of altering the Culverts & cleansing the Drain in Chapel Street reported as follows:

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the several Resolutions passed by this Common Council relating to the altering and improving the Culverts attached to the lateral drains, and for cleansing the main Sewer in Chapel Street, Report—that they have had the subject under their deliberate consideration, and are of the opinion, that the work ought to be done without delay, particularly the alteration of Culverts, & the cleansing of the sewer be delayed for a few days, when it is probable the convicts at the penitentiary may be employed for that purpose, should that however not be the Case, and the sewer cleansed by hired labourers, the expence would be considerable, and in the opinion of your Committee ought to be born by the Owners of the property (in the usual way of Assessment) on that Street as well the alteration of the Culverts, as the cleansing of the Sewer.

In accordance with the foregoing [49] opinion they respectfully submit the following resolution.

Resolved; That the Culverts to the Lateral drains in Chapel Street be altered and improved, and the main Sewer in said Street be cleansed, and that an Ordinance be passed accordingly

John Agnew
Jacob B Taylor
Matthew Reed
John Webb

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for building a Bridge across the Bowery road, presented the following report.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution offered for erecting a Bridge across the Bowery opposite First Street.

Report, that in their opinion a Bridge at that place is unnecessary, that the inconvenience complained of may be remedied by amending the Gutter, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Gutter across the Bowery at First Street be repaired under the direct*ed*[ion] of the Street Commissioner, & that an Ordinance be passed therefor.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
[50] (Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving South Street from James Slip to Catharine Slip reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Abeel & Dunscomb & others praying that South Street may be regulated and paved from James Slip to Catharine Slip, Report their opinion by the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted, and that an Ordinance be passed accordingly.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Sam[l] St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for a Well and pump in Washington near Charlton Street, reported in favor thereof [51] as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and pump near the intersection of Washington and Clarkson Streets, Report. that in their opinion the request of the petitioners should be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That the request of the petitioners be granted

(Signed) Jacob B Taylor
R Graves St Commr

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition of Benjamin Birdsall to erect an Iron railing around his house reported in favour as follows:—

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Birdsall for permission to erect an Iron railing in front of the Buildings in Jones Street.

Report their opinion by the following resolution

Resolved, That the request of the petitioner be granted, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

[52] (Signed) Jacob B Taylor
R. Graves St. Commr

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws to whom was recommitted the Report on the petition of Benjamin Watson Register of Dogs presented the following Report.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was recommitted their Report on the Petition of Benjamin Watson, report

That they have had a further Conference with the Petitioner & have communicated to him the determination of the Common Council not to allow his claim for additional Compensation, beyond that provided by Law, to which he gave for answer that it was not in his power to make payment of the balance in his Hands, and that he had not expected to be called upon for it, as the Board had heretofore in some instances permitted him to retain all the monies annually collected by him.

Your Committee also urged upon him, the imperious necessity of a

more vigilant and thorough execution of the Law respecting Dogs, than has taken place for a long time past, and that this was looked for by the Board, as the Guardians of the safety and lives of the [53] Inhabitants—To which Mr Watson with promptness and decision replied, that he had used his utmost endeavours to discharge the duties of his Office—The Committee however retain their former opinion on this subject—and inasmuch as Mr Watson is a Defaulter, and confesses himself unable to execute more effectually than he has done the duties of his appointment, The Committee submit to the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, That Benjamin Watson be and he is hereby removed from Office

Respectfully submitted

Saml Cowdrey
Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted, and he was accordingly removed from said Office.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Nathan Keeler reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Nathan Keeler praying to be relieved in part from the payment of his taxes, respectfully report.

That the Assessors of the fifth ward estimated the personal estate of Mr Keeler [54] at three thousand dollars, when it appears to the satisfaction of your Committee that the Assessment ought not to have been made upon a sum exceeding three thousand dollars, the amount last mentioned being the greatest heretofore assessed on him, and therefore offer the following resolution,

Resolved, That the Collector of the Fifth Ward be directed to collect of Nathan Keeler the sum of One dollar and eighty three Cents, being the amount due for his personal taxes for the year 1824.

Respectfully submitted

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm A Davis

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Catharine Murray presented a Report which not being signed by a majority of the Committee, was referred back to them.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Andrew Buckhan reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Buckhan praying to be relieved from an [55] Assessment against him in the third ward for the year 1824, he having the same year been assessed in the fifth ward—respectfully report. That it appears to your Committee that the facts stated in the petition above alluded to are true, and that the said Andrew Buckhan has paid the Assessment against him in the fifth ward to the Collector thereof, whereupon your Committee offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the Collector of taxes for the third ward be and he is hereby directed to return the Assessment against Andrew Buckhan among the errors and insolvencies of the ward.

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm A Davis

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of George Brinckerhoff reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of George Brinckerhoff Esquire complaining that he had been assessed in the year 1824 in the County of Queens, and in the City of New York, respectfully report, That it appears to the satisfaction of your Committee that the petitioner [56] is a resident of Queens County and has there been Assessed, and has paid the same

Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Collector of the third ward, be directed to return the Assessment against George Brinckerhoff Esquire, among the errors &c of the ward.

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm A Davis

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Ephraim Paulk reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of Ephraim Paulk; stating that he was in the year 1824, erroneously Assessed in the fourth ward, respectfully report, That from the certificate of the late Assessors of the fourth ward it appears that the said Ephraim Paulk ought not to have been assessed—your Committee

recommend that the Collector of taxes for the fourth ward be directed to return said Assessment among the errors and insolvencies of the ward.

[57] (Signed) Josiah Hedden
Samuel Cowdrey
William A Davis

Which was approved and the resolution adopted,

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Martha and Mary Clements reported unfavorable to petitioners as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Martha and Mary Clement praying to be relieved from an Assessment of $13 5/100. alled[g]ing as a reason their inability to pay it, respectfully report—that there is no evidence before your Committee of such inability inasmuch as it appears that the said Petitioners in part rely for their subsistence upon interest money.

Your Committee therefore recommend that petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition

Josiah Hedden
Signed Sam[l] Cowdrey
William A Davis

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Joseph S Perry reported against the petitioner as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Joseph S Perry [58] respectfully report: That he has been Assessed two dollars and forty cents in the tenth ward for the last year, he alledges his inability to pay the same, and that he has no personal property to justify the Assessment against him. Your Committee deem it improper to enter into the merits of the complaint of Petitioner upon naked representations—if the facts stated be true, it was the duty of the petitioner to apply to the Assessors, and not to your honorable body—wherefore your Committee recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Josiah Hedden
Sam[l] Cowdrey
W[m] A Davis

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Caleb Morgan reported in favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Caleb Morgan stating his having the last year been assessed in

the fourth and Seventh wards, and praying to be relieved from the payment of the Assessment in the fourth ward, respectfully report: that they have received a certificate from the late assessors of the fourth ward, whereby it appears that Mr. [59] Morgan has been erroneously assessed therein. Your Committee recommend the following resolution

Resolved, That the Collector of the fourth Ward be and he is hereby directed to return the Assessment against Caleb Morgan among the errors and insolvencies of the ward

Respectfully submitted
Josiah Hedden
Saml Cowdrey
William A Davis

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the Resolution respecting fence viewers in the 9th Ward reported as follows.

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred a Resolution proposed by Alderman Davis respecting the appointment of fence Viewers in the 9th Ward report. That they have considered the subject and are of opinion that it would be proper to make such appointment for the 9th Ward, and in connextion with it, that it would be proper to establish an additional pound in the said Ward, and the Committee are further of opinion that it would be proper to provide for these objects, by an Ordinance, rather than by a resolution of the Board

They therefore recommend the following resolution

[60] Resolved, That it be referred to the Counsel of this Board, to prepare and report the Draft of an Ordinance for the above purpose

Respectfully submitted
Saml Cowdrey
Thoms Bolton
Elisha W King

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Henry Marsh for a Stall in Essex Market reported against the same as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Henry Marsh for a Butchers License and Stand in Essex Market, beg leave respectfully to report.

That the petitioner is well recommended, and is a suitable person to receive a license, but in the opinion of your Committee, it is inex-

pedient to grant the prayer of his petition, inasmuch as all the Stands in that market, according to the original plan, are occupied.

The number of Stands at present is ten, which were leased for the ensuing Year, by the Committee, with an express reservation, of the right to establish, four [61] new ones, if in the opinion of the Common Council the convenience of the public should require it.

Your Committee are now of opinion that it ought to be done, but that the new Stands should be sold at Auction in the usual way, in order to avoid given any undue preference and preventing proper competition, Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

Resolved, That four new Stands be erected in Essex Market, and the Leases sold at Auction, under the direction of the Market Committee.

(Signed) Philip Hone
William H Ireland
Matthew Reed
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved & the resolutions adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of the Butchers in the lower Market at Catharine Slip to have the ceiling lathed and plaistead reported against the same as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Butchers in the lower market at Catharine Slip, to have the ceiling of said market Lathed and Plaistered [62] beg leave respectfully to report.

That the Building has been examined by the Chairman of the Committee, and the Superintendant of Repairs, and found to be in so ruinous a state, as to render it inexpedient to incur any expense in repairing it. Your Committee are of opinion, that the increase of population, in that vicinity will soon require a new market House, and therefore beg leave to dispose of the Petition at present, by recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

(Signed) Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
Matthew Reed
Thomas Bolton.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the several petitions for Office of Deputy Clerk of several markets reported as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the applications of several persons for the Office of deputy Clerk, to take charge of Centre, Greenwich and Spring Street Markets, beg leave respectfully to report,

[63] That the following individuals are applicants for the Office, viz:

Simon Fleet, John Butler, William A Hardenbrook, David Marsh Junior, James Gilbert, Ezra Frost, George Painter, and Davis Hunt.

Those of the above are strongly recommended, and several, from the personal knowledge of the Committee, are well qualified to perform the duties of the Office. Your Committee therefore, apprehending a difficulty in making a selection where the claims are so equal, beg leave to submit the several applications again to the Board, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Common Council proceed to the appointment of a deputy clerk, to take charge of Centre, Greenwich and Spring Street Markets.

(Signed) Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
Matthew Reed
Thomas Bolton

Which was accepted, and the Board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill said Office, when James Gilbert was chosen, and it was, Resolved that James Gilbert be and he is hereby apointed Deputy Clerk of Centre, Greenwich and Spring Street Markets.

[64] The Market Committee on the petition of Isaac Valentine for Stall in Greenwich Market, reported in favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac Valentine for a Butchers license for Stand No 1 Greenwich Market beg leave respectfully to report.

That the Counsellor of the Board has reported to the Committee that the petitioner has relinquished the Hay Scales at Gouverneur Slip, the occupation of which, formed the only objection to his receiving a license as Butcher and they have no objection to his receiving such license, they therefore beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Butchers License be granted to Isaac Valentine

for the Stand N° 1 Greenwich Market, provided said Stand is not pre-occupied.

(Signed) Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
Thomas Bolton
Matthew Reed

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The following Resolution for extending Mulberry Street to Bleecker Street was presented and adopted,

Resolved, That it is desirable for [65] the public convenience to extend Mulberry St. in the Eighth Ward of the City of New York, from its present northerly termination to Bleecker Street in the manner delineated upon a "Map shewing the property required for extending Mulberry Street to Bleecker Street," dated New York April 1825, made by Thomas R Ludlam City Surveyor (the same being a Street in that part of the said City not laid out into Streets, Avenues, Squares and Public places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the Act entitled "an Act relative to improvements, touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes" passed April 3d 1807) and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done, and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in order that the same may be carried into effect.

The Counsel presented a petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate &c for extending Mulberry Street in the 8th Ward from its present Northerly termination to Bleecker Street, which was directed to be duly authenticated

[66] The Counsel presented a Water Grant to Frederick De Peyster for ground between Rivington and Delancy Streets, which was directed to be duly executed.

Also to Peter Badeau for 70 feet of the Rear of the Lot on which the Engine house stands in Chrystie Street for 21 Years from 1st May next at $30 per Annum, Lessee to pay Taxes, but not Assessments—Which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Water Grant to William Dilworth, and Abraham Voorhees for Land between 8th & 9th Streets, which was directed to be duly executed.

The following Resolutions for extending Wooster Street from

4th to Art Street, Also to extend Mercer Street from the Southerly boundary line of land of Davis S Jones to Art Street, and also to extend 5th Street from Broadway to the Bowery, was presented and was adopted.

Resolved, That it is desirable for the public convenience to extend Wooster Street from Fourth Street to Art Street, and also to extend Mercer Street from the Southerly boundary line of land now or lately belonging to David S Jones to Art Street, and [67] that Fifth Street be extended from Broadway to the Bowery (as said Wooster Street is laid down on a map shewing the property required for opening and extending Wooster Street from Fourth to Eighth Street, Dated New York April 25th 1825 made by Edward Doughty, City Surveyor, and as said Mercer Street is laid down on a map shewing the property required for opening Mercer Street from Jones Line to Eighth Street, Dated, new York April 25. 1825, made by the same Surveyor, and as said Fifth Street is laid down on a map shewing the property affected by the continuation of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Streets at right angles with Broadway dated New York May 1817, made by Edward Doughty, City Surveyor, and approved by the Common Council on the 26th May 1817, and filed in the Street Commissioners Office) the same being Streets in that part of said City not laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the Act entitled an Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes, passed April 3d 1807, And that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done, and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures to have the same carried [68] into effect.

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorised to execute the Petitions to the Supreme Court for the above purposes during the recess of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented the following respecting Bulkhead at South St.

The Street Commissioner would respectfully inform the Board that in order to carry into effect the Ordinance for making South Street, from Catharine Street to Market Street, it will be necessary for the Corporation to unite with the proprietors of Water Lots within that space in making a Bulkhead, as 50 feet of Ground under water next and adjoining to Market Street belongs to the Corporation of this City

He would therefore recommend that instructions be given to the

proper Officer to Contract for building the said Bulkhead, and also for filling the Lots adjoining

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) R Graves
St. Comm^{r}

Which was approved, and he was directed to carry the same into effect

[69] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating Mott Street from Prince Street to Bleecker Street, which was passed and James Bleecker, Benjamin Prince and John Brower were appointed Assessors

also, an Ordinance for regulating Elizabeth Street from Prince to Bleecker Street, and Isaac Kip, John Salisbury and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

also, an Ordinance for regulating Houston Street from Broadway to the Bowery and John Targee, Benjamin Prince and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

also, an Ordinance for regulating Mulberry Street from Prince Street to James Roosevelt's grounds, and Cary Dunn Junior, Abraham Dally and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

also, an Ordinance for regulating the Fifth Avenue from Art Street to thirteenth Street and Cary Dunn Jun^{r} Isaac Kip and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

also, an Ordinance for regulating Eighth Street, from Bowery to the Sixth Avenue, and Benjamin Prince, John Salisbury & John Targee were appointed Assessors.

also, an Ordinance for repairing the Culverts and cleansing the Sewer in Chapple St. and Cary Dunn Jun^{r} Isaac Kipp, and John Salisbury were appointed Assessors.

[70] **ALSO** An Ordinance for regulating and paving South Street, from James Slip to Catharine Slip, and Abraham Dally, John Targee and Benjamin Prince, were appointed Assessors.

ALSO An Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Washington Street, near Clarkson Strt. and Isaac Kip, Francis Peckwell, and Cary Dunn Jun^{r} were appointed Assessors

Also an Ordinance for repaving the Gutter across the Bowery opposite First Street, and John Brower, John Salisbury and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

He Also presented an Assessment for a Well and pump in Morton Street near Greenwich Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He Also presented an Assessment for regulating Green Street from Bleecker to Fourth Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 2.

Dennis Cornell, Carpenter, 38 Pump St.
Vice Edward Underhill, Resigned

[71] Fire Engine Company N° 6.

George F Laurence, Carpenter 39 Sullivan St.
Vice Thomas J B Clark, Resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 7.

Fletcher Harper Printer 26 Oak Street vice Philip Smith Resigned.
William B Whitaker Printer 349 Pearl Street
vice William Elsworth Resigned
Horatio N Walker, Accountant 11 Rose Street
vice Varnum S Mills Resigned
John Jarvis Jeweller 29 Ferry Street
vice Edward Arrowsmith, App^{d} an Engineer

Fire Engine Company N° 9.

Jacob H. Dawson, Cabinet maker, 51 Broad St.
vice Francis Denham Resigned.

Fire Engine Company N° 12

Henry Lott Painter 19 Rose Street Vice James Seguine Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 13

Richard C, McCormick Leather Dealer Gold Street
Vice N B Blunt Resigned
Sam^{l} M Cornell Clerk Pearl Street Vice Daniel Ferguson Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 14

Theodore Goerk, Cabint Maker Cor Provoost & Grenw^{h}
Vice George Colgate Joined another Company

Fire Engine Company N° 24

Rich^{d} Eldridge Mason. 50 Anthony St.
Vice John G Burger Resigned.

[72] Fire Engine Company N° 40

William White, Carpenter 27 Hester St.
vice Peter Valentine, Resigned

John Boyce, Chair Maker, 177 Hester St.
vice Samuel S Wandell Resigned.

Fire Hook & Ladder Company N° 2.

John C. Hegeman, Accountant 195 Cherry St.
Vice Oliver T Scribner Resigned

Fire Hook & Ladder Company N° 4

Abraham B Brooks, Shoe maker Hudson St
Vice John Davidson Resigned

John Banta Ship Painter Cor Bancker & Oliver
Vice Joseph Beyea Resigned

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances—Viz

N° 1	A Hamilton	Owner	Thompson St	A Lot
2	Wm Cauldwell	do	Washington St	do
3	Wm Bowne	do	5 Hague St	A privy
4	J Morss	do	155 Chapel St	do
5	B Galvin	do	7 Hague,	do

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspecr

[73] His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board certified copies of Laws which had passed at the last Session of the Legislature which were directed to be filed.

An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise money by Tax.

An Act to amend an Act entitled *an Act to amend an Act entitled* an Act to lay a duty on Strong liquors and for regulating Inns and Taverns so far as it relates to the City of New York, and for other purposes

An Act to amend the Act entitled an Act to provide against infectious and pestilential diseases.

An Act to equalize and increase the number of Wards in the City of New York,

The Superintendant of Repairs to whom was referred a Petition respecting a Pump in Raisin Street, reported as follows.

The Superintendant of Repairs to whom was referred the petition of Charles Oakley, Abraham Bogart, Stephen A Rich and Daniel Lane, praying this honorable body to take charge of a Well in Raisin Street and put it in good order.

The Petitioners state that the well is in a proper *sight* [site] to be received as a public Well, and they further pray that [74] the Pump and fixtures may be done without Charge to the Owners of the property as is now done in Cases of new Public Wells

The Superintendant of Repairs, Reports to this honorable Board that the Well is in the middle of Raisin Street between Herring and Bedford Streets, that the Well wants a new Pump and fixtures before it can be of use to the neighbors—therefore the Superintendant is of the opinion that the Well is not in a proper *sight* [site] to be received as a Public Well.

Which is respectfully submitted

Jacob P Roome
Superintent of Repairs

The following resolution was presented Resolved, that the Committee on Laws be authorised and requested to cause a Jury List for this City to be taken pursuant to the Statute lately passed on that subject—which was adopted and referred accordingly to the Committee on Laws with powers.

Alderman Mann, Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that agreeably to the Law on that subject, the several Street Districts were offered for Sale at Public Auction this day, but that the [75] Committee did not consider it expedient to accede to the offers made—and he presented the Draught of a Law to amend the said Law.

The Recorder thereupon presented the following—Resolved, that it be referred to a Select Committee to consider and report to a Special meeting of this Board to be called for that purpose, whether any, and if any what amendments and alterations ought to be made in the Ordinance entitled "a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets" Which was adopted and the Mayor appointed as the Committee. The Recorder Alderm[n] King Ireland Reed M[r] Cox.

And it was Resolved, that when the Board adjourn they will adjourn to meet on Thursday next 4 Oclock, and the subject was made the order of the day at that meeting

Alderman Cowdrey moved that the Law relative to the distribution of the School money be now called up and considered, On the ques-

tion being taken thereon it passed in the Negative, It was then moved, that it be the Order of the day on Thursday next, which was agreed to.

[76] Alderman Wyckoff moved that the Board now go into the appointment of a person to fill the Office of Resident Surgeon of the Alms House, which was agreed to, and the Board proceeded to ballot for the same, when Theodore F King was unanimously chosen, and it was

Resolved, that Theodore F King be and he is hereby appointed Resident Surgeon of the Alms House & Penitentiary

The Comptroller made the following report.

Balance as pr Acct 11th Inst	16.479.75	
Recd for Tax of 1824	21.800.	
do " Rents	1.145.78	
do " Streets	349.37	
do " Mayoralty fees	62.	
do " Commutation Alien passengers	55.	
		39.891.90

52 Accounts Audited

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	813.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2d do	666.75
Bleakley & Stagg do 3d do	645.75
J Morton Clerk C. Council 1 Qr Salary 1 May	500.
Jno Fleming Treasurer 2 Qrs Saly 19 April	200.
J Morton Clerk C. Council for 2 Accts Hackhire and Postage	9.25
Aldermn Wyckoff attending issuing Tavern License 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days	16.
[77] Alderman King attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days	16.
Aldn Ireland attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days	16.
Aldn Cowdrey attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days	16.
Aldn Webb. attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days	16.
Aldn Reed attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days	16.
Aldn Mann attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days	16.
Aldn Taylor attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days	16.
Aldn Davis attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days	16.
Aldn Ostrander attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days	16.

Assist Bolton Attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to to 1 May 4 days..... 16.
Assistt St John Attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days..... 16.
Asst Hone attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days..... 16.
Asst Agnew attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days..... 16.
Asst Burtsell, attending Issuing Tavern Licenses 1 Jany to 1 May 4 days..... 16.
[78] Asst Hedden attends Issuing Tavern Licenses..... 16.
Asst Cox do do do do ..... 16.
Asst Dunscomb do do do do ..... 16.
Asst Schieffeline do do do do ..... 16.
Asst Rathbone do do do do ..... 16.
G Snethen Supers & Lights Lamps 1 Mo. 1 May..... 639.81
R Provoost repairing do do do 96.84
Richd Smith Clerk Franklin Market do do 37.50
Abrm Leggett Supers & work mud Scow to 24 Inst..... 137.79
Z Homan Junr Expenses arresting a prisoner escaped from Penitentiary 24.81
Jethro Mitchell & Co 10 Casks Oil..... 592.80
Wm S. Smith Collecr City Revenue for Richbill Mott, fixtures in Room at Fulton Market..... 60.
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys Costs taxed, Opening Houston Street from Broadway to Bowery..... 663.59
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys Costs, Opens 6 Avenue from Greenwich Lane to 13th Street..... 466.42
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys Costs opens public place at Junction Harman & Grand..... 158.23
M Ulshoeffer. Attorneys Costs opens 1st St from 1 Avenue to North St..... 145.77
J Sloan, Acct. reg & Curbs Amity Street from Broadway to 6th Avenue..... 150.
H Smith Acct. laying Cross Walks 3 Ward..... 100.
R Pettigrew bal. reg & pav Washingn St from Beaver Lane to Marketfield St..... 21.82
Danl Ewens, surveys &c 1 Qr 1 April 1825..... 14.
[79] Benjn Prince & Associates Ass[ess]ing Streets and Wells & pumps 1 Decemr to 1 April..... 390.
R Graves St Commissr for repairs Roads..... 800.
J P Roome Supert Repairs for Fire Departmt..... 250.
J P Roome Ditto " Repairs ..... 148.
J P Roome Ditto " Watch Departt ..... 123.
J P Roome Ditto " Lamp Departt ..... 100.
J P Roome Ditto " Pump Departt ..... 100.
Treasurer of the State for Direct Tax of 1814 on Lot Hurlgate ferry. Long Island..... 2.88

Commissioners of the Sinking fund, Amt paid into Treasury since 1 Jany 1825 on Sales of Real Estate, to be passed to this acct. as ordered by Resolution of the Board 18th Ist	2593.50	
Arthur Burtis Supert Alms House	5000.	
J Fleming Treasr to pay Interest on City Stock 1 Qr 1 May 1825	18.500.	
Balance		$5419.64

The Board adjourned to Thursday next.

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[81] In Common Council April 28th 1825

Present. The Honble William Paulding Mayor. President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St. John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Wm Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	
William A Davis	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of James Hardie to be appointed to take the Census of one of the Wards, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of Joseph Stevens to be appointed to take the Census of the City, or some portion thereof, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[82] A Petition of Alexander C Wiley, administrator of Edmund Roberts deceased stating that Intestate died possessed of a Lot in Mott Street a great portion of which has been taken for making Houston Street from Broadway to the Bowery, and the damage has been assessed to owners unknown—The Petitioner requests that the said award may be paid to him without recurrence to the Supreme Court—Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance from Jacob Rabbineau against running out a Pier at the foot of Warren Street. was referred to the Committee Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition from Tucker and Laurie and others for permission for

Steam Boat Governor Wolcott to lie at the pier west side of Peck Slip, was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips

A Remonstrance from the Owners and Occupants of property in the vicinity of New Slip, against filling in said Slip—Was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

[83] A Petition of J Cram that the Ordinance for flagging the side Walks in Canal & Elm Streets may be suspended until November next—was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Jacob Astor for a Water Grant opposite to his property on Washington Street, between Hubert and Laight Streets, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against the removal of the Horse Market to the intersection of the Sixth Avenue and Greenwich Lane, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Motion was made by Mr Agnew to discharge the Canal Committee from the consideration of the petition of John Nitchie respecting the Sewer in Broad Street, and to refer it to the Street Committee—On the question of agreeing to the same, it passed in the Negative

The Counsel presented a Water Grant to William Edgar's Junr Executors

The Counsel herewith submits for execution a Water Grant to Duncan P Campbell, Campbell P White and Herman Le Roy Junior, Executors of the last Will and Testament of [84] William Edgar Junior, deceased, of a piece of land under water adjoining the Slip at the foot of Delancy Street—Which has been prepared according to the Resolution of the board of the 28th March last, and under the directions of the finance Committee

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

The Counsel also presented for execution a Water Grant to Henry Eckford for property on the East river north of Stanton Street, which was directed to be duly authenticated.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of William Adee reported in favour of petitioner as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of William Adee, respectfully report.

That the petitioner was last year assessed on his personal Estate in the Second and Eighth Wards and having paid his personal tax for said year in the second Ward recommend the Collector of taxes for

the Eighth Ward to be directed to return the assessment made in the last mentioned Ward, among the errors &c, of the ward.

Josiah Hedden
[85] (Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Richard Dickinson reported in favour of Petitioner as follows, which was approved and adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Richard Dickinson respectfully report.

That by a certificate of the Assessors of the Seventh Ward for the year 1824, the petitioner was assessed at $10.000—when he ought not to have been assessed upon any personal estate—Your Committee therefore recommend the Collector of the said Ward to be required to return said assessment among the errors &c of the said Ward.

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Henry Lynch reported in favour as follows,

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Lynch, respectfully report,

That satisfactory evidence has been [86] adduced to your Committee, and likewise to the Assessors, that the petitioner has been overrated in his personal estate $15.000, and recommend that the Collector of taxes for the third ward be required to collect of the petitioner what may be legally receivable upon an Assessment on $5.000

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of George Rapelyea for relief from tax reported against petitioner as follows

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of George Rapelye, respectfully report.

That he was last year Assessed in the City of New York, and in the County of West Chester on his personal estate, it appears that at the time of the Assessment the petitioner resided in the said City, and

the amount of his personal estate not having been estimated beyond what your Committee deem reasonable, respectfully recommend that he have leave to withdraw his petition

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
[87] Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and Adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Catharine Murray reported in her favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of Catharine Murray, respectfully report,

That they have heard the complaint of the petitioner, and have received a certificate from the late assessors of the fourth ward, wherein they state the petitioner has given satisfactory evidence of a material error in the Assessment against her for the last year, and that she has been assessed to pay the sum of $35.77/100. which she has paid to the Collector of taxes in the said ward, that is to say, the petitioner has been rated as possessing a personal estate of $7300, when in fact she ought not to have been rated on her personal estate over $1000, therefore had the Assessment *have* been correctly made, the petitioner would have been required to pay the Collector only the sum of four dollars and ninety Cents, by which mistake she has over paid to said Collector the sum of thirty dollars and eighty four Cents, all which seems to appear to the satisfaction of said assessors by their certificates [88] herewith presented.

In Consideration whereof, Your Committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed to issue a warrant to Catharine Murray for thirty dollars and eighty four Cents

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Cesar Gattreau reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of Cesar Gatereau, respectfully report, That the petitioner was last year assessed upon $10.000, when he has satisfied your Committee and the Assessors that his personal estate does not exceed $1000, and therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved, that the Collector of taxes for the third ward be requested to collect of Cesar Gatereau, such tax as may be legal for him to receive upon an assessment of $1000

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
[89] Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted,

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Thomas Knox reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Knox, respectfully report.

That the Assessors of the first ward for the year 1824, have certified to Your Committee that they have [been] under an error in putting down his personal estate, and that the same was when assessed invested in the stocks of our monied institutions, which are assessed,

Your Committee recommend that the petitioner be relieved from the payment of any personal tax

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of S Van Duser reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of S Van Duzer, respectfully reported

[90] That the Assessors of the third ward for the year 1824, have assessed on his personal estate in two places in said ward, to wit, at his Store in West Street, and at his residence in Dey Street—Your Committee recommend the petitioner to be relieved from the payment of one of the said Assessments.

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Samuel Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Agur Clark reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of Augur Clark, respectfully report.

That on the first day of March 1824 he disposed of his Mercantile establishment in this City, and removed from the state of New

York in the month of April following, but his wife remained with a Mr Kip in Warren Street for some time afterwards by which the Assessors of the third ward erroneously assessed the petitioner, and they being satisfied thereof—Your Committee recommend that the Collector of said ward be required to return said Assessment amongst [*] the errors &c of the ward,

(Signed) Josiah Hedden
Samuel Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Benjamin Marshall reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Marshall respectfully report.

That the Assessors of the third ward have been requested by the Agent of the petitioner to reduce his personal tax from $50.000—to $35.000 in consequence of his having invested $25.000 in real estate and which was taxable as such, but through mistake the said Assessors, added $15,000 to the $50,000 instead of the desired reduction whereby the petitioner was assessed upon an estate of $65,000, instead of $35,000 which error the Assessors of said ward are satisfied of.

Your Committee in consequence of the above mentioned error, recommend that the Collector of taxes for the third ward, be directed to collect such tax as may be legally required upon the sum of $35,000 as the extent of the petitioners personal estate

[92] Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Josiah Hedden
Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Elizabeth Duryee reported in her favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Duryee, respectfully report.

That in the year 1824 she was assessed upon a supposed personal estate of $8,000, which the Assessors of the third ward have certified to your Committee was made through misinformation and that the Assessment should not have been made upon a sum exceeding $700

* New page, not numbered.—ED.

and therefore recommend that the Collector of taxes for said Ward be directed to receive what may be lawful upon the latter sum.

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which Report was approved & adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the petition of Silas White reported in favour [93] of petitioner as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of Silas White, respectfully report.

That it appears in evidence that the petitioner was in 1824, assessed in the fourth and tenth wards of this City on his personal estate and that he has paid the assessment against him in the fourth ward, therefore offer the following

Resolved, That the Collector of taxes for the 10th Ward be required to return the assessment made against Silas White among the errors &c of the Ward.

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Francis Barretto Junior reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Francis Barretto Junr praying for relief in relation to an erroneous assessment against him in the year 1824 respectfully report.

That his personal estate was estimated by the Assessors of the third ward to be One hundred thousand dollars, that satisfactory, [94] evidence has been given to your Committee that the personal estate of the petitioner (within the legal reach of the Assessors) does not exceed three thousand dollars, that one of the said Assessors has stated to your Committee that if they had *have* been possessed of such evidence at the time of *of* the Assessment, they would have estimated the personal estate of said petitioner at $3.000—Your Committee therefore recommend the tax to be collected upon the last mentioned sum

Respectfully submitted

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and adopted

The Special Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets and to report such amendments as they might judge necessary thereto presented the following report.

The Special Committee to whom was referred a Law, entitled "a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets" passed 18th April, 1825, with directions to report whether any, and if any, what alterations ought to be made in the same [95] Respectfully report, that they have duly considered the matter submitted to them—that it seems to be generally admitted that the old system of removing the manure and rubbish from the Streets by contractors ought not to be revived, and that it is also deemed inexpedient to have the Streets swept either by contractors or by persons to be employed by the Common Council—that after considering all the circumstances relating to the law lately passed (which provides for sweeping the streets by Contractors) your Committee are decidedly of the opinion that the same ought to be repealed—that they consequently think that (at least for the present year) the streets must continue to be swept by the occupants of the adjoining houses and lots—Your Committee have accordingly prepared a Law providing for the sweeping of the Streets in the old way; and dividing the City into 9 Ward districts, and subdividing each ward district into three sweeping districts, to be swept twice in each week—And providing for the appointment by this board of a general superintendant of Streets, who at the expense of this board, and under the direction of the finance Committee, shall discharge all the duties, as to removing the manure and filth from the Streets, heretofore performed by [96] Contractors—This system your Committee recommend as most suitable to be adopted, considering the little time that remains for making arrangements on the subject, and considering that the board is in some measure bound to assume the responsibility of appointing a Superintendant, to perform these duties at the general expense and because the contracting system has not given satisfaction to the public—Your Committee think, that a Superintendant, under the direction and controul of this board, and of the finance Committee, will be able to devise such practicable and ifficient measures for disposing of, and removing away from the City, the manure and rubbish, as to meet the just expectations of the public, and essentially promote the interest, health, and welfare of the City generally, For the details of the plan your Committee refer to the Law itself but as to improvements in the mode of collecting, removing or disposing of the manure,

your Committee have left the same to the Superintendant, under the advise, control and direction of the board, and the finance Committee

This system your Committee recommend as proper in their opinion to be adopted by the Board

[97] But inasmuch as it has been suggested, that another system might be more acceptable to the board, and in order to guard against any delay, in case the before mentioned plan should not be adopted, Your Committee have likewise prepared another Law, retaining the Old system of sweeping by the Inhabitants, but before 8 Oclock in the morning, and the Old system of Contractors, but compelling them to give bonds with two good securities for the performance of all the requirements of the law, and compelling them to provide at least one good boat or scow to remove the manure and rubbish constantly from each ward—providing also, that each ward shall be sub-divided into three sweeping Districts, and that if the Contractor does not remove the manure, the same shall not only be forfeited, but shall be removed by the ward Inspectors at his expense—which ward Inspectors are to sweep in front of public grounds and in front of all premises where any neglect takes place, at the expense of the inhabitants—In case the board should disagree to the plan of a Superintendant as first above mentioned, Your Committee recommend the system thus briefly noticed, as preferable to the Law lately passed on [98] the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) R. Riker
W H Ireland
E W King
Matthew Reed
Jameson Cox

Which being read was accepted and directed to be filed—The Law proposed by the said Committee entitled "a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets and to appoint a Superintendant of Streets" was read—After considerable discussion thereon, it was moved that the said Law be rejected, the Question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative by a Majority of One

The other Law proposed by the Committee under the title of a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets was then read—After some discussion Alderman Mann moved that the Bill be rejected, and required the Ayes and Noes to be entered.

The question being taken thereon the members voted as follows.

Negative, Mr Recorder, Alderman Wyckoff, King, Ireland, Ostrander, Mr Bolton, St John Hone, Burtsell & Cox—10

[99] Affirmative, Alderman Cowdrey, Webb, Reed Mann & Taylor—Mr Agnew—6.

So it passed in the negative,

Alderman Mann stated he considered it unnecessary for the Clerk to enter the Law on the Minutes as is usual in cases of division—which was approved.

The Board then proceeded to consider the Bill by paragraphs, and after some amendments the Law was passed under the Title of a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets

The following resolution was then presented and passed.

Resolved the Committee on Finance be hereby directed to advertise for sealed proposals for removing the filth, rubbish &c from the several Contract Districts under the Law now passed—such proposals to be laid before the board at a meeting to be held on Wednesday next 6 Oclock,

It was Resolved, that the present Contractors be permitted to take and carry away for their own use the Stneet Manure until Wednesday next

It was also directed that 100 Copies of the Laws be printed for the use of the Members—and that it also be published in the papers employed by the Corporation.

[100] Alderman Cowdrey moved that agreeably to the Resolution at the last Meeting the Board now go into the consideration of the Law respecting the distribution of the Common School Fund, which was agreed to

The petition of the Trustees of St. Patricks Cathedral and St. Peters Church in the City of New York, presented at the last meeting and laid for consideration was called up and read—The Law reported by the Committee was then read.

Mr Hone, then presented the following Amendment, to the first section. The first Section was as follows.

"Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of "the City of New York in Common Council Convened, Pursuant "to the authority vested in them, by the act of the Legislature of "the state of New York, entitled, "An Act relating to Common "Schools in the City of New York" passed November 19th 1824,

"that the institutions, which shall be entitled to receive of the Com-"missioners of the Common School fund, payable to, and raised in "the said City, are hereby designated to be, The Free School Society "of New York, The Mechanics' Society, The Orphan Asylum Society, "and the Trustees of the African Free School." Mr Hone's amendment [101] was as follows. After the words Trustees of the African Free School, add "and the Trustees of such incorporated religious societies in said Cities as support, or shall establish Charity Schools, who may apply"

"Provided that the religious societies above named shall not be allowed to receive pay for any scholars, except those whose parents or Guardians are in the habit of attending their respective places of worship"

After some discussion the question was taken on agreeing to the same and Mr Hone calling a division the members voted as follows,

Negative, Mr Recorder, Alderman King Ireland, Cowdrey, Webb, Mann, Taylor, and Ostrander Mr Bolton, St. John, Agnew, Burtsell and Cox. 13.

Affirmative, Alderman Wyckoff & Reed Mr Hone—3.

So it passed in the negative—The Board then proceeded to consider the Bill by paragraphs and agreed to the same, and the Law was passed under the Title of "a Law regulating the distribution of the "Common School Fund in the City of New York"

Alderman King rose in his place and stated that it was with great regret he had to state [102] that Doctor Belden the Resident Physician of the Alms House and Penitentiary had died of the Epidemic in the penitentiary—He added that the situation of that Institution required that a Physician should be immediately appointed to fill the place lately occupied by Dr. Belden and he moved that the board now proceed to the appointment, which was agreed to, and the election by ballot having been dispensed with Dr. James H Rogers was unanimously chosen Resident Physician of the Alms House and Penitentiary

Mr Burtsell from the Committee on Applications to the Legislature stated in his place that the Law which had passed the Senate relative to the Judicial boundary line between this State and New Jersey, did not pass the House of Assembly and therefore had not become a Law He added that the Committee recommended that the Remonstrance of the Corporation to the Legislature on that subject should be entered at length on the Minutes—which was agreed to

The Memorial alluded to was as follows

Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

[103] To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly convened.

The Memorial of the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York.

Most respectfully represents

That the City of New York is an ancient and free City of itself, duly created by letters patent, granted in the years 1680, 1708 and 1730, which are recorded in the Secretary of State's Office. That the Charters of the City were duly confirmed by Acts of the colonial assembly, before the revolution, and by the former and present Constitution of this State, and by various acts of the Legislature since the Independence of the United States. That the boundaries of the said City are set forth in the said charters and Acts of the Legislature, and that its jurisdiction has accordingly always extended to low water mark, on the west side of the Hudson river, opposite to the City (2 R, L, 31, §2 Ibid 342, §1. 40th Sec Cap. 285, §1.)

Your Memorialists further represent that having lately seen a printed Copy of a Bill, now before your honorable body, entitled "An Act concerning the territorial limits and jurisdiction of the State of New York and the State of New Jersey," (Senate N° 97.) [104] they feel themselves constrained to remonstrate against the passage of the same, as tending most seriously to effect the just rights of the City of New York, respecting its said boundaries and jurisdiction. Understanding that the said Bill has already passed one branch of the legislature, your memorialists are the more anxious to lay their respectful remonstrance before your honorable body, without delay, and they therefore do not propose to enter at large into an examination of the matters embraced in said bill. But they feel great confidence that an attentive examination of the subject, and of the documents relating to it, will induce the constitutional guardians of the rights and interests of the people of this State, not to give their sanction to a Law, which may produce a great and serious public evil and inconvenience. Your memorialists refer your honorable body to the journals of the Senate of this State, (for the 31st Session 1808, page 51 to 92.) as containing in full the report of Ezra L'Hommedieu, Samuel Jones, Egbert Benson, and Joseph C Yates, the Commissioners who were appointed by this State, under "an act respecting a claim for the extension of the eastern boundary of the State of New

Jersey," passed April 3d 1807, (30 Sess, Cap 113) [105] which report furnishes all the information necessary to a correct understanding of the matter. A part of the Governor's Message of the same year, on this subject, (Senate Journals pages 6, 19, 110, Assembly do. page 21, 157.) was, together with the said report, referred to a joint committee of both houses of the legislature, who reported the law passed on the 6th April, 1808, entitled "an Act relative to the jurisdiction of this state, over the territory therein mentioned." (31 Sess. cap. 135.)

Your memorialists further Show, that the preamble to the last mentioned act, contains a full statement of the facts upon which it was founded; and the Act makes it the duty of all the Officers of this state, to preserve, maintain and defend the jurisdiction of this State, in and over their territory therein described, until this State shall be evicted thereof by due course of law; and provides further, that if the before mentioned commissioners should afterwards meet on the subject, they should not do any thing which might be construed to enable or authorise the U. States to make or establish a port or ports on or within the river Hudson, or the bay between Staten Island and Long Island, otherwise than as within the limits or territory of this state. no further proceedings were afterwards had [106] by the said Commissioners; but the State of New Jersey was contented to suffer the matter to remain undisturbed, until the year 1818, (Journals Senate, 41 Sess. p 81,) when they proposed to appoint other Commissioners to make a case, containing the facts to be submitted to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. This proposition was not acceded to, on the part of our legislature; and it appears that the attention of the succeeding legislature was again called to the subject by the executive, (Journals Assembly 45 Sess. pages 15 and 35,) but that no new measure was adopted by them. At the present session of your honorable body, his excellency the Governor has communicated to you an act of the legislature of New Jersey, passed on the 10th day of December last, in accordance with which act of New Jersey, the bill against which your memorialists remonstrate, is proposed to be passed.

Your memorialists are aware of the delicacy as well as of the importance of this subject; and are also aware, that the jurisdiction or boundary of this City, on the west side of the Hudson's river, and shores opposite to the city, goes no farther than the limits of the State extend there. And whilst they, as Citizens of this state, would cheerfully submit the defence of its jurisdiction to the State author- [107]

ity, they nevertheless feel themselves bound to remonstrate, in behalf of their constituents, against the passage of a Law which may jeopardize the jurisdictional rights of the City. Your honorable body will perceive, in the examination of the documents and laws to which reference is above made, that in all the negotiations and propositions heretofore made on this subject, the just, legal, and strict rights of this state, always were adhered to by it; and that any idea of abandoning these rights, was not only promptly resisted by our Commissioners, but that our legislature, by a Solemn law, declared their determination to support those rights, unless they were destroyed by due course of law. And your memorialists believe that the legislature always acted on the principle of maintaining their own jurisdiction, as well as the co-extensive jurisdiction of the City of New York, and, among other considerations, because a relinquishment by the State, would destroy the right of the City. So far, indeed, as the State jurisdiction might be divested by due course of law, or satisfactorily shewn to be untenable, the City boundaries must yield; but your memorialists refer with confidence to all the before mentioned acts and documents, to shew that the State ever felt itself bound firmly to maintain its rightful jurisdiction, and that of the City— [108] a jurisdiction which had been exercised for One hundred and fifty Years, and which was considered as of great benefit & advantage to the good people of this State. And your memorialists also refer to the said report made by the Commissioners, as containing evidence of the actual exercise of jurisdiction by the predecessors of your memorialists, to low water mark on the west shore of the Hudson's river, opposite and surrounding the City. (Journals, page 61.)

Your memorialists deem it unnecessary to refer to stronger authority to prove that the State never contemplated yielding up its own rights, or omitted to maintain those of the City of New York, derived under the Charter and laws aforesaid; for it was likewise considered a settled and salutary principle in our government, that the privileges of the charters of our Cities were not to be essentialy affected without the consent of the parties concerned. (In Council of Revision, April 4th 1804.) And your memorialists humbly contend, that the ordinary process of law has always afforded a proper means of Settling any question as to boundary between the two States, or between your Memorialists and any persons feeling [109] themselves aggrieved. In any private controversy and disputes between individuals, concerning the jurisdiction (if such ever existed) the question might have been brought up; but either occasions have been

wanting, or the disposition on the part of those interested to contest our rights in the ordinary way has not been manifested, for our State legislature, in the act of 1808, before referred to, made express provision to defend any suit that might have been instituted, involving the question of boundary, & directed the executive to employ Counsel to manage the same. The parties interested, however, have not taken the ordinary means provided by the law, to obtain a judicial decision upon the rights of the City or the State; but the State of New Jersey has applied to this State, voluntarily to submit its just and long exercised jurisdiction to the decision of a Court, which our legislatures have always declined.

Your memorialists particularly direct the attention of your honorable body to that part of the preamble to the law now pending in the legislature, which declares that this State does not wish to insist "on what may be conceived to be her strict rights." These strict rights, as they are here termed, whatever they might be as between two new Colonies, or States [110] not holding under patents, or by long possession) have yet, from the course of trade, of commercial regulation, and of civil police, become just and highly essential to the Citizens of this commercial metropolis, which your memorialists represent; and to abandon those rights now, or not to insist upon them, would be of manifest disadvantage to the City and to the State. Our rights are perfect rights, derived under letters patent, or charters, containing the most sacred grants of privileges, and are supported by a length of possession, which is at once the evidence of a right, and of the propriety of that right, Ought we not then to insist on rights, which although strict, are justly derived, and although extensive, are justified by our situation and our necessities? If we do not maintain them, our revenue laws may be embarrassed by adjoining ports of entry; our quarantine laws, by lines of territorial division, and our whole civil and criminal jurisdiction, by perpetual controversies, whether vessels lie on the one or the other side of the immaginary line, which is to divide New Jersey and New York. A divided jurisdiction, adjacent to the City of New York, would be a source of never ending embarrassment and contention. Such a state of things cannot be too much deprecated. New Jersey claims Staten Island, [111] and all that lies west of the centre of Hudsons river, and the bay of New York; and the right of our State to that island, (where our quarantine establishment is situated,) may be as strict as that to the jurisdiction of the Hudson.

Your Memorialists humbly conceive, that if this question could

remain undisturbed for so many years, we ought not voluntary to consent to agitate it now. The actual controversy relative to Steamboat navigation is at an end; and as no serious evils or inconvenience exist as to the boundaries, even policy does not seem to require, that our State should unnecessarily abandon the provisions of their Act of 1808, and to submit to negociate under a new law, which declares, in effect, the abandonment of its strict rights. For if amicable principles, convenience and benefit, (or what may be considered as such, by the Commissioners,) are to place out of view all our strict and perfect rights, we may not only be called upon for a division of the jurisdiction of the Hudson's river, but to part with the whole County of Richmond, and other islands lying towards the Jersey shore, which latter are included within the bounds of the first ward of the City of New York. When the grounds of strict right under our charters, and [112] possession, are abandoned, we may anticipate that the most dangerous results may flow from negociations on questions of boundary. If one State ought not to maintain its jurisdiction over a whole river which separates two states, the same equal and exact rule might demonstrate, that one State ought not to be large, covering the most extensive and fertile country; and another small, having a less luxuriant Soil, The limits and extent of our State are acquired by grant, and by possession, and its fertility is owing to the bounty of Heaven, and the industry of our Citizens. Who can predict what pretensions may not be encouraged, the moment we cease to maintain and defend our strict rights, under the law of 1808? Ought Sacrifices to be made of the boundaries and jurisdiction of this State, for the convenience and benefit even of our most valued neighbors?

Your Memorialists submit their frank views on this subject, with great deference, to the constituted authorities of the State, as they have no intention to remonstrate further than their own boundaries and interests are concerned. But they feel much solicitude, because a renewal of negociation, by Commissioners, under a new law, at this time, [113] will, they think, be considered as an intentional abandonment of the grounds assumed in 1808, on our part; and they, therefore, most earnestly submit this, their remonstrance, to the consideration of your honorablle body, referring to the before mentioned documents and laws, as containing a full and particular detail of the facts. And your memorialists humbly pray, that if there be any actual controversy, or disputes, respecting the boundaries aforesaid, (of which your memorialists know nothing,) your honorable body will not consent to take the same out of the ordinary course of legal settlement, or

in any other manner jeopardize a jurisdiction so long possessed by us, and so essential to our maritime and civil, criminal and municipal regulations.

And as in duty bound &c.

Wm Paulding Mayor

By order of the Common Council.

J Morton. Clerk

Board adjourned to Wednesday 4th Inst. 6 Oclock.

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[115] Special Meeting. In Common Council May 4th 1825

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Mayor President
Richd Riker Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St. John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Danl E Dunscomb
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffelin
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last Special Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of George Duryea, Deputy Clerk of the Fulton Market praying that a Cistern for rain Water may be constructed for the use of said Market. was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[116] A petition of Hannah Murray stating that as the Northern pier of the Albany Basin has been ordered to be extended, She prays she may have the privilege to extend the North Dock of the Basin belonging to her, which having been read was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

A petition of Nathaniel Sayre for Office of Measurer of Grain, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Prescott Swain for to be relieved from a penalty incurred for sellng Liquors without License, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Ezra Frost to be appointed to take the Census of the 10th Ward—was referred to the Committee on Public Office.

A Petition of Richard Titus to be permitted to erect a temporary fence across the 2d Avenue to the East of 14th Street, was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of James Moore for remission of part of a Tax assessed on him. [117] was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Memorial of Charles Whitlaw was received stating that he has invented a mode of applying medical Herbs in the case of diseases by means of a vapor bath, for which he has obtained a patent, and he has considered it his duty to offer the use of the same to the Corporation on such conditions as may be deemed proper, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fever Hospital.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that the Houses in Canal Street be regularly numbered, was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with directions to cause the same to be done.

A Letter from the Secretary of the Free School Society stating several resolutions of the Society on subject of extending instructions to the poor children of this City, who may not be included in the Charity Schools of Religious Societies. They also presented a Specimen of Penmanship executed by one of the boys of the Free School, being a Copy of the declarations of Independance, with a fac simile of the hand writing of the signatures thereto. [which] were referred to the Committee on Laws.

[118] A Letter was received from Peter H Wendover Esquire, resigning his Office of Commissioners of School Money, and was accepted.

A Petition of Stephen L'Herbette for relief from a Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The Mayor laid before the Board certified copies of Laws passed at the last meeting of the Legislature—viz

"An Act to amend an Act for regulating Trials of Issues and for returning able and sufficient Jurors."

Also, "An Act to amend an act, entitled an Act for the assessment and Collection of Taxes" the former was directed to be filed, and two hundred Copies of the latter to be printed.

The Committee on Laws on the subject of appointing a register of Dogs. reported as follows, viz.

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred a resolution of this Board on the subject of supplying the Vacancy in the Office of Register of Dogs and Collector of the Tax on the same—Report.

That they have received the within [119] applications for that appointment, which they respectfully submit to the Board

Saml Cowdrey
(Signed) Elisha W King
Thomas Bolton

Which was accepted—Recommendations in favour of Alexander Crawford and John Marshall for said Office were presented and read —It was moved that the Board go into the appointment—which was approved—and Alexander Crawford was duly appointed to said Office.

The Committee on Laws on the subject of taken a Jury list reported as follows. viz

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred a resolution of the Common Council on the subject of taken of a Jury list for this City, pursuant to the Statute lately passed on that subject, Report, That the Counsel of the Board has, at their request prepared the within draft of an Ordinance on the subject, which they recommend to the Common Council for adoption

Respectfully submitted
Saml Cowdrey
(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King

[120] They also presented a Law which was after some discussion passed under the Title of a Law relating to Jurors."

The Finance Committee on the petition of John Gelston respecting the purchase of his house, reported against the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of John Gelston, That the petitioner wishes the Corporation to purchase certain premises now occupied by them in the 9th Ward as a pest house or Small pox infirmary. Inasmuch as your Committee are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to make a purchase of this property, it not being required by the board they offer for the consideration of the board the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to make the proposed purchase.

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted.

[121] The Finance Committee on the Petition of Alexander C Wiley, Executor of Edmund Roberts reported against the petition as follows. viz.

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Alexander C Wiley, That the petitioner is Executor of the last will of Edmund Roberts, and that he States that the Commissioners for opening Houston and North Streets have described certain property taken for that opening, as being owned by unknown owners, by reason of which an application becomes necessary to the Supreme Court for the amount of the award for the property taken, but which the petitioner wishes to receive, Inasmuch as the petitioner is an Executor, and the Commissioners thought it proper to award the damage to unknown owners, Your Committee deem it inexpedient to interfere, as the Statute provides in such cases that the Supreme Court shall decide who is entitled to the amount awarded

Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board, the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
[122] Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the petition of John Jacob Astor and Archibald Davie for Water Grants reported in favor as follows,

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petitions of John J Astor and Archibald Davie, for Water Grants in front of their premises on the north river, near Hubert Street, That your Committee are of the opinion that Grants may with propriety be made to the petitioners respectively, on the same terms, stipulations and conditions, as are contained in a report recently made to this Board by your Committee, on the petitions of Francis Cochran and Hamilton Biggam.

Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare and report to this Board, the necessary grants for the above premises, upon the terms & conditions aforesaid.

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[123] The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of William Rhinelander to build a Pier at the foot of Warren Street reported against the same as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of William Rhinelander and others to have a pier built at the foot of Warren Street. Respectfully Report. That in as much as a new pier was built the last year at the foot of Chamber Street in the vicinity of Warren Street, Your Committee are of opinion the public good does not require another so near the last mentioned at present, and therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to Grant the prayer of the petitioners.

John Webb
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Asa Mann
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the Petition to fill up New Slip reported against the same as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of Sundry [124] persons to have New Slip filled up, Respectfully Report, That your Committee have had this subject under their serious consideration and as there is a Strong opposition (by persons owning property in the vicinity) to the filling up said Slip—Offer the following resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to have New Slip filled up at present, and therefore the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted

John Webb
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Asa Mann
John Agnew

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the petition to permit the Steam Boat Governor Wolcott to use Peck Slip reported as follows,

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons for permission to use the Wharf on the west side of Peck Slip for the Steam Boat Governor Wolcott,

Report, That Peck Slip is at all times crowded with Market Boats, and it would in the opinion of Your Committee be improper to incommode them by Steam Boats and [125] therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Steam Boat Governor Wolcott be permitted to use the public piers and Slips in Common with Vessels that are under One hundred Tons, but then subject to the Same regulations

John Webb
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Asa Mann
John Agnew

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of Joel Root for permission to use Fly Market Slip for accommodation of Steam Boats, United States, and Hudson reported in favour as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of Joel Root to have permission to use the West side of Fly market Slip for his Steam Boats United States and Hudson. Respectfully Report That the wharf required is in constant use by Market Boats and others bringing supplys for the use of the Inhabitants, and ought not to be exclusively occupied by Steam or other Boats, But used by all in Common, and as these Steam Boats are more than One hundred [126] Tons and cannot come into the public Slips without permission beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the Steam Boats United States and Hudson be permitted to come into the public piers and Slips in common with other Vessels that are under One hundred Tons burthen

John Webb
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Asa Mann
John Agnew

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the petition of Hannah Murray to have a pier built at the foot of Cedar Street reported against the same as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of Hannah Murray to build a Pier at the foot of Cedar

Street Respectfully Report. That it is inexpedient to build the said pier at present and therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted

John Webb
Wm H Ireland
[127] (Signed) Asa Mann
John Agnew

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the petition to fill up Peck Slip reported against the same as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition for and Remonstrance against filling up Peck Slip—Report. That your Committee have examined the Subject and weighed the petitioners and Remonstrancers and have come to the conclusion against the prayers of the petitioners at present, altho at some future day not very remote it may be necessary and proper to fill said Slip, and therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to fill up Peck Slip at present and therefore the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

John Webb
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Asa Mann
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[128] The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the remonstrance of Thomas R Smith against John R Soper presented the following Report & Resolution respecting the employment of Lessees of Public Slips to Superintend the lying of Vessels at the Wharves

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of Thos R Smith, Lessee of District No 4, for the last Year, complaining of John R Soper using the powers granted him by the Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward to his injury in said district, Report. That your Committee in examining the said charges made against Mr Soper cannot find any cardinal point wherein to attach much blame, and the principal point in the remonstrance (to wit.) to have District No 3 again sold is beyond the reach of the Common Council, Your Committee are of opinion the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward ought not to appoint one of the Lessees of Public Wharves to be their deputy to regulate the lying of Vessels in the public Waters and therefore offer the following resolutions

Resolved, That no person shall be appointed by the Alderman and Assistant of any Ward with powers to regulate the lying [129] of Vessels in the public Waters of this City, that is concerned in any contract for Wharves piers and Slips under the Common Council

John Webb
Will[m] H Ireland
(Signed) Asa Mann
John Agnew

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Lands and Places to whom was referred the subject of Duane Park reported in favour as follows,

The Committee on Public Lands and places to whom was referred the subject of the Duane Park—Report that they have caused the necessary inquiry to be made, and the best information they have been able to obtain from the former owners of that ground is that they relinquished all their right to the Corporation of Trinity Church, and that the Vestry of that Church gave their Church right to the City Corporation, on condition that they should occupy the same as a public place or Park and keep the same in repair, there does not appear however to be any formal conveyance to this Board of the premises, but as this Corporation, did take possession of the same, and have occupied it as a public Park ever since Your Committee would recommend that the [130] same be repaired at the public expense and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the Park at the junction of Duane and Hudson Streets be repaired, and that the Superintendant of Repairs cause the same to be carried into effect

Sam[l] St John
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
W[m] Burtsell
Effingham Schieffelin

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Counsel agreeably to Order presented an Ordinance respecting Fence viewers which was passed under the Title of "a Law to appoint Fence Viewers and to establish an Additional Pound in the 9[th] Ward,"

Nathaniel Holmes and John Higham were appointed Fence Viewers.

The place where the pound was to be established and the Pound Master were left blank in the Law

The Counsel presented for execution Water Grants to Hamilton Biggam, Francis Cochran and Archibald Davies between Vestry & Laights Street, which were directed to be duly executed

[131] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving 6th Avenue from Carmine Street to the head of the Minetto Sewer, which was passed and Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Junr and Francis Peckwell were appointed assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correcting Nuisances, viz

No 1	P Lorillard	Owner	Laurens St	A Lot
2	Jno R Livingston	do	do "	do
3	Castro & Henriques	do	do "	do

(Signed) Geo Cuming City Inspector

Mr St. John presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Lands and places be requested to cause all the wood work around the old Flag staff on the Battery to be taken down and the materials disposed of as they shall think most to the public interest.

A Resolution to open 2nd Street from the Bowery to North Street was presented by Alderman Ostrander and referred to the Street Committee.

[132] Mr Dunscomb presented a resolution directing an enquiry as to the expediency of placing a reservoir at the head of Canal Street for the purpose of cleansing the Sewer and supplying Water in cases of fire, which was referred to the Canal Committee.

The Law respecting the appointment of a measurer of Cut Stone was called up and after some discussion referred to the Law Commee

The Comptroller laid before the Board the sealed proposals which he had received for Contracts respecting the Manure.

The Doors were closed.

The Contracts were opened and they were referred to the Finance Committee with full powers to close with any Contract which should be offered to them.

On motion of Alderman Mann Resolved, that the Committee on the Jail & Bridewell be requested to negociate for the
and report to this Board.

Doors opened.

Mr Burtsell presented a resolution to appoint Wm A Davis, Printer to the Corporation which was laid on the Table. Board Adjourned.

[*] In Common Council May 9th 1825

Present The Hon^ble William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
William H Ireland	
Sam^l Cowdrey	
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	
Asa Mann	
Jacob B Taylor	Dan^l E Dunscomb
William A Davis	
Gideon Ostrander	

A quorum not appearing, The President directed a meeting to be held on Wednesday next at 4 OClock P. M.

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[135] In Common Council May 11th 1825.

Present. The Hon^ble W^m Paulding Mayor. President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Sam^l Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	
Asa Mann	
Jacob B Taylor	Daniel E Dunscomb
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffelin
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last Special Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Cornelius Chivvis praying to be licensed for a Stall in Spring St. Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Charles Thurbur for Stall N° 24 Washington Market, was referred to the Market Committee

[136] A Petition of the Lamp lighters for an encrease of their pay, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

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A Petition of John L Laurence for correction of a mistake in a personal Tax assessed on him, was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Hugh Harrigan for a Stall in Grand Street Market, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William W Winans for permission to remove a house from Chrystie to Pitt Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 10th Ward with powers.

A Petition of John G. Tibbits for permission to remove a house from the Bowery to Delancey Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 10th Ward with powers.

A Petition of Jacob Lecraft for permission to remove a house from the Bowery to Delancy Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 10th Ward with powers

A Petition of James Seaman for Appointment of Inspector of One of the Sweeping [137] Districts was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Levan Smith for permission to remove a house from Broome to Chrystie St. was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 10th Ward with powers.

A Petition of Maria Lopez for relief from a personal tax, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants that the operations of the Law respecting Swine may not extend beyond Canal Street, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Edmon was received stating that he had served since the year 1812 as a Fireman, but from some mistake his appointment is not on the minutes of the Common Council and praying the Clerk may be authorised to furnish him with the necessary vouchers for obtaining the Certificate of discharge allowed by Law—which being read was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the Corner of Broome and Wooster Street—Was [138] referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 8th Ward and Street Committee.

A Petition of Eliza L Wilbor for relief from a Tax assessed on her, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants complaining of a Nuisance existing in Reason Street occasioned by a milkman depositing the filth from his Stable in the said Street—which being read was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Joseph W Howard was received stating that on the 31st January last he rented the Cellar N° 4 under Fulton Market for the term of One Year from 1st May Instant and paid One Quarter's rent in advance and that he has called on the present Occupant for possession, which said occupant refuses to deliver, and he prays relief in the premises—which being read was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants, praying that the opening of the Culvert opposite N° 101 Broadway may be closed, [139] and opened at the Corner below—was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of James Ladd expressing a desire to have the Flag Staff on the Battery for the purposes of an observatory, accompanied by a recommendation therefor from the New York Nautical Institution and Ship Masters Society" were read and referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

A Petition of B & S Demilt for the Lease of the Flag Staff at the Battery for Astronomical purposes—was read and referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

A Petition of Abraham and James L Brinckerhoff to alter the line recently adopted for the improvement of Pearl St. was read and laid on the table.

A Petition of Stephen Herring and Stephen N Bayard praying that Amity Lane may be shut up the same having never been ceded to the Corporation—The same having been read, was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Isachar Cozens late Inspector of Manure for some appointment under the Board [140] was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of James Weed for Office of Inspector of Lumber, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of John L Everitt for some employment under the Board, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Allen Doughty for Office of City Measurer was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Petition of Gerard W Bell to be appointed to take the Census of the Tenth Ward, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of David S Bogart praying that the money received for the buildings lately his on the ground formerly Lot N° 30 William Street, which from the situation in which he had been placed without his knowledge and consent he abandoned to the Corporation, may be paid to him, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[141] A Petition that a Bell be placed on the Market upper end of Grand Street, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Alexander Dillon for permission to remove a House from Bancker Street to Lombardy Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 7th Ward with powers.

A Petition of Samuel Boyd for permission to remove a House from Greenwich Street to Orchard Street, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 5th and 10th Wards with powers

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the Corner of the Sixth Avenue and Fourth Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Herring and Cornelia Streets—was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants, owners of property on the 6th Avenue, Greenwich Lane, and its vicinity stating that they have no objections to the location [142] of the Horse Market at the junction of the 6th Avenue, Greenwich Lane, during the pleasure of the Common Council—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Communication was received signed Samuel Leggett President, stating that the Gas light Company thereby gave notice to the Corporation that the Pipes for conducting the Gas light are laid and the Company are ready to supply and light the Public Lamps in Broadway from the Battery to Grand Street according to the terms of the Agreements of the 12th May 1823, which was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Report from the Trustees of the City Dispensary was presented.

Report Stating the number of persons vaccinated by the Institution during the year preceding the 15th of March last and requesting payment of the Annual Allowance of $600—By the report it appears that 4969 persons had been vaccinated by the Physicians of that Institution—The same was referred to the Committee on Finance.

[143] The Finance Committee on the Petitions of William Leavens and Henry J Wyckoff for Water Grants reported in favor as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petitions of William Leavens and Henry J Wyckoff for Water Grants in front of their premises between Laight & Hubert Streets, The Committee are of the opinion that Grants be made to the petitioners on the Same terms as are contained in a former Report of this Committee on the petitions of Francis Cochran and Hamilton Biggam—They

therefore respectfully offer for the Consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel prepare the Necessary Grants, and that his honor the Mayor be authorised to execute the same on the part of this board during the recess.

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of John Faye presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee respectfully [144] Report, on the annexed Petition of John Faye, That the petitioner wishes to be paid the monies placed in the City Treasury by Dr. Prince, the Public Administrator, and which arose from the Estate of James O'Faye. That it is usual to pay over similar balances to the parties entitled to the same upon their executing bonds of indemnity to the Corporation, which Bond would be particularly requisite in this Case, inasmuch as there probably will be future Claims on this Estate. That it however appears that the portion of this estate coming to the Petitioner in his own right was released by him to his mother Mary Faye, in open Court, on the 20th January 1824 and cannot be paid over to the Petitioner, because he has thus released his own right, and because his letter of Attorney from his said Mother for her portion, bears date 30th October, 1822. being anterior to his release to her, and consequently that power cannot operate as to that portion of the estate released to her by the Petitioner subsequently. That it also appears that the portion of the estate coming to Eleanor Faye, one of the intestate's children, cannot be paid to the Petitioner, inasmuch as he has produced no power from her for that purpose, nor has she [145] petitioned in person for her part. That it further appears that *that* the portion of the estate coming to Thomas Faye, a minor, another child of the intestate, cannot be paid to the Petitioner, as he has no power to receive it, nor has Alexander Cascaden, who is his guardian, produced his letters of Guardianship

That the Petitioner has a Power of Attorney from his mother Mary Faye, which is legal, but that the power (so far as it relates to James Faye and Maria Faye, the former of whom was 16, and the latter 14 Years of Age when they executed the power) is not valid, and confers no authority on the Petitioner to receive the money. The Petitioner has no power from Patrick O'Faye for his proportion.

Under these circumstances, Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That upon the application of the said heirs of the said James O Faye in person, or by duly constituted Attornies, or by proper Guardians for the Infants, and upon giving such Bonds and Security as may previously be approved by the Finance Committee, the Comptroller Report Warrants to the said heirs, Guardians, or their Attorneys respectively for their proportions of the said [146] Estate as paid into the City Treasury by the Public Administrator.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the subject of Contracts respecting the Street Manure, presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee respectfully report that they have agreed with Jacob Rapelye & J. G. Dyckman, as contractors for the whole City, for the removal of the Manure, filth and rubbish from the Streets, for One Year from the first of May 1825—The contractors are to Comply with the provisions of the Law, and the terms of the advertisement, for five thousand dollars, payable quarterly, They are to give a Bond in the penal sum of Six thousand Dollars, with sureties who have been approved by this Committee

This offer for the whole City, Your Committee deemed it expedient to accept, and they respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

[147] Resolved, that his honor the Mayor be authorised to execute the Lease on the part of this board during the recess.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Willm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

Alderman Mann as Chairman of the Committee presented the draft of a Law which was read by paragraphs and passed under the Title of "a Law to amend the Law to regulate the removal of Filth and dirt from the Streets passed 28th April 1825 and was ordered to be published in the Papers employed by the Board.

The Street Committee on the Petition for opening a Street of One hundred feet in width from Jones's Street to Art Street, reported in favor of the same as follows,

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition for opening a Street of One hundred feet in width from Jones Street to Art Street, parallel to Broadway, and two hundred and seventy five feet therefrom, Report that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners [148] ought to be granted inasmuch as that by such Opening many valuable building Lots would be afforded, that otherwise would be of little comparative value to the Owners, and besides adding much to the convenience of that valuable and growing part of this City—from the foregoing considerations your Committee are induced to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Street of One hundred feet in width be opened from Jones Street, to Art Street, parallel to Broadway and Two hundred and Seventy five feet therefrom to be called Lafayette place—and that the Counsel to this Board take the usual measures for having the same carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Sam[l] St. John
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the Petition of Hannah Murray to build a pier at foot of Liberty Street reported in favour of the Same as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of [149] Hannah Murray to extend the pier at the foot of Liberty Street, respectfully Report, That they have examined the said Pier, and see no reasonable objection to granting the prayer of the petition—And therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Hannah Murray be permitted to extend the pier at the foot of Liberty Street to the permanent line in the Hudson River under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

John Webb
W[m] H Ireland
(Signed) Asa Mann
Matthew Reed
John Agnew

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the Petition of William C Redfield to use the Public Wharves with the Commercial line of Steam Boats reported in favour of the same as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the petition of William C Redfield to have the exclusive use of the pier on the north side of the Albany basin for his Steam and tow boats, Respectfully Report, That the location required could not be [150] granted without manifest injury to others using the said slip, and therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved, That William C Redfield be permitted to use the public Wharves and Slips with his Steam Boats Commerce and Swiftsure and tow boats Lady Clinton and Car of Comfort (being more than One hundred tons burthen each) In common with other Vessels that are under One hundred tons burthen.

(Signed) John Webb
Wm H Ireland
Asa Mann
Matthew Reed
John Agnew

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws on the communication from the Trustees of the Free School as to extending means of education presented the following

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred a Communication from Mr Lindley Murray Secretary of the Trustees of the Free School Society of New York, of the 3d May Instant, enclosing a Copy of a Resolution of that respectable body, on the subject of [*] promoting and extending the means of education among the poor Children of this City.

Report. That the purport of the said resolution is to assure the Common Council of the readiness and determination of the Trustees of the free school Society, to provide the means to educate any poor children who may require their aid, should any of the Church Charity Schools be discontinued in consequence of the late alteration in the Law relating to the common School fund, and that the said Trustees will co-operate with the Corporation in the promotion and extension of the important cause of educating the poor Children of this City & County—And your Committee beg leave to report their Opinion respecting the same by recommending the following resolution

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

Resolved, That the resolution of the Trustees of the Free School Society of New York, as above communicated, is entitled to the approbation and confidence of this Board, and its constituents, and of all, especially, who take an interest in the cause of the poor, and in the extension of the benefits of Education among them, and further that the Said Communication be published in the papers employed by this board

Respectfully Submitted.

[152] Sam[l] Cowdrey
(Signed) Tho[s] Bolton
E, W, King

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws on the Specimen of Penmanship from one of the Scholars of the Free School presented the following report which was accepted and the Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred a resolution of the Trustees of the New York Free School Society, presenting to the Common Council a Specimen of Penmanship, being a Copy of the Declaration of American Independence, with fac Similes of the Signatures of its distinguished authors, the Congress of 1776, executed by Jotham Wilson a boy educated in the Schools of the Free School Society.

Report That the above Specimen of Penmanship appears to Your Committee on examination to be well executed, and to be extremely creditable, to the Pupil, Master Jotham Wilson, to his immediate Teacher at the time Mr Nathaniel C Hart and to the institution of the New York free School Society, by whose instrumentality, [153] Genius and Talents are no doubt often rescued from obscurity, and under the fostering and benignant care of benevolence and intelligent exertion, made to distinguish their possessors and to prove useful to the community at large.

The Committee will not enlarge on this very interesting subject, though nothing would be more easy than to point out, from other Countries, and from observation in our own Country the immense utility, as proved by individual instances, of these and similar public and benevolent Institutions. The Committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution.

Resolved That the above mentioned Specimen of Penmanship executed by Jotham Wilson be accepted by this board, and that the

same be conspicuously placed in the Mayors Office, with a Copy of this Resolution appended thereto.

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) Sam[l] Cowdrey
Thom[s] Bolton
Elisha W King

The Committee on Laws to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on Lands & Places. on the application of a Committee of Delegates from different Religious Societies in this City [154] proposing an Alteration in the Ordinance respecting Interments presented a Report which after some details submitted to the Board the question whether the alteration in the Law regulating Interments as proposed by the Memorialists ought to be made.

After some discussion Alderman Ireland presented the following resolution.

Resolved, That so much of the 30[th] Section of the Law, entitled a Law *entitled a Law* for the appointment of a City Inspector and prescribing his duties and to provide for the security of the Public Health," as prohibits Interments of the Dead in private Vaults be and the Same is hereby repealed, provided that the erection of any Vaults within the limits prescribed by the Law, Shall in future be prohibited,

It was moved that the same be referred to the Committee on Lands and Places the question being taken thereon and Alderman Ireland calling a division the members voted as follows,

Negative—Alderman Wyckoff. Ireland Reed. Taylor and Davis. Mess[rs] Bolton. Hone. Agnew, Burtsell Dunscomb & Schieffelin 11.

Affirmative, M[r] Recorder, Alderman King, Cowdrey. Webb. Mann & Ostrander—6

[155] So it passed in the negative. It was then moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject—The question being taken thereon and M[r] Bolton requiring a division the members voted as follows.

Affirmative, M[r] Recorder, Alderman King Cowdrey, Webb, Reed, Mann and Ostrander Mess[rs] Agnew and Burtsell—9

Negative, Alderman Wyckoff, Ireland, Taylor, Davis Mess[rs] Bolton, Hone, Dunscomb, & Schieffelin

So it was carried in the affirmative and it was postponed until the next regular meeting

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Hose Company N° 1

Robert C Theall, Cartman 136 Grand Street
Vices Alfred S Underhill—Resigned.

Fire Engine C° N° 1

Timothy C Stacy. Gentlemen 62 Provost St.
Vice Benjamin Dodge Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 5

Lewis Victor Ferry, Accountant 84 Broadway
vice, Samuel Winterton—Joined another C°
John B Hall, Accountant 41 John St.
vice Robert Bage Joined another C°

[156] Fire Engine C° N° 7

Alexander W Stewart, Carver 105 Mulberry St.
Vice John Morrison Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 10

Frederick Horton, Grocer, Bowery
Vice Fredrick Honson Resigned
Stephen Jobs, Carpenter, Bowery vice John Oliver, Time Expired
Henry Schlem Baker, 223 Elizabeth St.
Vice Daniel Boyle Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 12.

W^m^ M^c^Alpine, Morocco Shaver, 6 Bancker St.
vice F Bogardus Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 14

Andrew Mount, Accountant. 48 Barclay St.
Vice Nathan Brown Resigned
Samuel Y Coles, Accountant 47 Nassau St
vice James Cook Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 17.

Joseph M Price, Clerk, 364 Water St
vice David Crowells Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 19.

William Peffers, Carpenter, Cor Arundle & Hester Sts.
Vice Abraham Fisher Time Expired

Fire Engine C° N° 20.

James Stewart, White Street 105 Orange St.
Vice John C Woodruff Joined Another C°

[157] Fire Engine C° N° 30

Lewis Van Buskirk Butcher. Bowery
Vice John Romaine Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 36

Apalis [Apollos] Hall Taylor, *247* Spring St.
Vice Joseph Morin Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 37

Charles Stewart Printer 137 Forsyth St.
Vice William K Shaw Resigned

Harvey Richards Leader Maker Forsyth St.
Vice Frederick Bogardus Resigned

George Dominick Butcher. Eldridge n^r^ Stanton
Vice Alfred W Shadbolt Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 38

Joseph Brewster Hat Manufacturer 3^d^ Avenue
Vice Isaac Jarvis Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 39

Edwin Snell, Grocer, 28 Hudson St. Vice W D Earle Resigned

James Meeker Accountant 50 Frankfort St
Vice B E Wenman Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 42.

William Hawk Boat Builder Water Street
Vice John Culbert time Expired

The Counsel presented for execution a deed to Robert Tillotson Esquire for ground on the East side of Essex Street with the following [158] Report,

The Counsel respectfully presents for execution a deed to Robert Tillotson Esquire for the property lying on the North Easterly side of Essex Street, and extending from Essex to Ludlow Street, and being Thirty feet in breadth on Ludlow and Essex Streets, and One hundred and Seventy five feet on each side for the sum of Seven thousand Six hundred Dollars. By direction of the Chairman of the Market Committee, the Counsel has inserted in the deed a covenant that the Street on the North Easterly side of Essex Market shall always be kept open from Ludlow to Essex Street, and that the Cor-

poration may have the right of extending Essex Market from Ludlow to Essex Street, but if they do not so extend it, or if they discontinue the said Market, then the said Ground is either to remain open as a Park or be paved as a Street or public place at the discretion of the Board.

Respectfully Submitted
(Signed) M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Deed was directed to be duly executed

[159] The Counsel to whom was referred the claim of John W Wyman as late Clerk of the Court of Sessions presented the following Report.

The Counsel of the Board, to whom the enclosed papers were referred, respecting a claim of John W Wyman Esquire, as late Clerk of the Court of Sessions, Respectfully Reports. thereon, that having duly considered the said matter, he is of opinion that the Corporation of the City of New York are not liable to such claim; and that if the late *Law of the Legislature on this subject, could in any respect be deemed to apply to this Corporation, it must (so far as it thus operates) be void, because the Legislature has no controul over the funds or property of this Corporation, nor can the legal and vested rights of the Corporation be affected by an Act of the Legislature passed without their consent—The Counsel however does not think that the late law was intended to affect this Corporation: for the part of the law alluded to (the latter part,) merely declares that nothing was intended by the Act of 1818 (41 Session page 307) and the Act of 1819 (42 Session page 96) or the repeal of the said Acts, to prevent the [160] payment of the balance claimed by Mr Wyman out of the monies arising from the fines and forfeited Recognizances as provided by law previous to the passing of the said Act of the 41st Session.

Previous to the passage of the said Act of 1818, the Clerk of the Sessions was to be paid †"out of the fines and forfeitures" by the Court of Exchequer, and such Clerks were also so paid as far as the proceeds of the fines & forfeitures during each Clerkship enabled the Court to pay such Clerks respectively. Subsequently to the passage of the said Act of 1818 (which directed the proceeds of the fines and forfeitures to be paid into the City Treasury) Mr. Wyman has received accordingly, the whole amount of such proceeds which were collected of fines which accrued during his Clerkship. The fines

* Marginal note reads *20 Apr[l] 1825.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *1 R L 404.*—ED.

arising since Mr. Wymans Clerkship have been legally and properly appropriated (as far as they would go) towards remunerating the County for the Salary of his successor, and the pay of the other Officers of the Court.

The Counsel considers it quite clear, that the laws never could receive a different construction, which would give to the Clerk the whole proceeds of the fines (without respect [161] to the time when they accrued or were collected or received) and which would consequently leave nothing for his successor, &c and the Counsel is therefore of the Opinion that Mr Wyman has been paid as provided by the Laws existing antecedently to the Year 1818.

The late law however which Mr Wyman procured to be passed, places his Claim on the footing of a County Contingency. It requires the Board of Supervisors of this City to pay Mr Wyman late Clerk of the Sessions the balance of his accounts, in the Same manner as they were required by Law to pay former District Attorneys. Thus placing Mr Wyman not in the situation of former Clerks, but upon the footing of former District Attorneys, the balance of whose accounts were paid by a tax upon the Counties. Under the provisions of this, Mr Wyman can therefore only make his claim upon the Supervisors at their annual meeting; and, if allowed by them, the necessary amount must be raised the next Year by a Tax,

It will thus be seen that the provisions of the Law in question do not effect the property or funds of this Corporation, but [162] relate solely to the Board of Supervisors.

For an explanation of the particulars of Mr Wymans claim, the Counsel refers to a Report made thereon by the Finance Committee Sometime ago.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) M. Ulshoeffer

Which was accepted and directed to be filed.

The Counsel presented for execution a Water Grant to John Jacob Astor for ground between Hubert and Laight Streets on the North river which was directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel presented the following Report in the cases of John *Fannell* [Farrell] and Phineas *Benton* [Barton] and of Captain Howland

The Attorney respectfully Reports that John Farrell and Phineas Barton were complained against for constructing a privy contrary to

law; that they have since altered the privy according to law, and paid the costs.

He further Reports that Captain Howland of the Ship Baloena from Liverpool was complained of for not bonding his passengers— that he has since bonded and paid Costs.

The Attorney recommends the remission [163] of the penalties in the above cases

Signed M Ulshoeffer.

Whereupon the fines incurred were directed to be remitted.

The Counsel presented the following resolutions which was adopted.

1 Resolved, that it is desirable for the public convenience [to] open a new Street in the present Eighth Ward of this City (to be called La Fayette Place as said Street or place is laid down on a map shewing the same opened, "Surveyed April 1825 by E W Bridges, City Surveyor.") the same being in that part of said City not laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, under and by virtue of the Act entitled "An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and roads in the City of New York and for other purposes passed April 3d 1807, and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done; and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures to have the same carried into effect.

II Resolved. that his honor the Mayor be authorised to execute the necessary Petition to the Supreme Court for the above [164] purpose, during the recess of the Board.

The Street Commissioner made a Communication on the subject of cleaning the Public Sewers, which was referred to the Canal Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for repaving South Street from Roosevelt to Dover Street, which was passed and John Salisbury, James Bleecker and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an assessment for a Well and Pump in Clarkson near Greenwich Street, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that he has received from the Treasurer, an Account of Receipts and payments, for Six Months

to the 1st Inst. Also an Account of the Commissioners of the Sinking fund, for the same period, and finds them Correct

Signed G N Bleecker Comptrolr

Which was directed to be filed.

[165] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No 1	Chs Buck	Owner	175	Chatham	A privy
2	S Greene	do		Cr Chestnut & Banckr	do
3	T & A Brunell	do	151	Chambers	
4	Simpson & Price	do		Broadway	

(Signed) Geo Cuming City Inspecr

Alderman Mann presented the draught of a Law entitled a Law to prevent obstructions in the Streets" which was referred to the Street Committee.

The Recorder presented the following Resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved, that the Clerk of this Board procure from the Office of the Secretary of the State, a certified Copy of the report of the Commissioners heretofore appointed on the part of this State, to meet the Commissioners appointed on the part of the State of New Jersey, and Confer with them respecting the claim of New Jersey, to the jurisdiction of the Waters of the Hudson to the middle of the Channel, and that the same, when [166] procured, remain in his Office for the use of this Board.

Resolved, that this Board could not but view, with the deepest solicitude, any proposal, which might by construction compromit or raise a doubt, with regard to the rights of our State and City to the Waters of the Hudson—And therefore that the thanks of the Corporation is hereby given to those members of the Legislature, who with so much zeal and ability, defended the Ancient and chartered rights of our City.

Alderman Cowdrey presented the following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved, that his Honor the Mayor be requested to Collect and arrange in a digested form, the different proceedings that have taken place on the part of this Board, and under its direction, and all Maps. Reports, & Communications that have been made by any of their Committees, or Officers, or persons employed by them, on the subject of supplying this City with pure and wholesome Water—and that he

report the same to the Common Council as soon as may be convenient.

Also. Resolved. that the Counsel be [167] requested to collect and arrange and report in a similar manner, the different proceedings that have taken place, on the part of the Legislatures of this State and of New Jersey, and also on the part of this Common Council, respecting the boundary line between this City and the State of New Jersey. To the end that this Board may take such order, as shall be necessary and proper for preserving and perpetuating the aforesaid Papers.

The Recorder presented the following Resolutions which were adopted unanimously.

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be, and hereby is requested, in the name and on the behalf of the Corporation of the City of New York, to inform Gen^{l} La Fayette, that the Corporation and their Fellow Citizens will on the 4th of July unite together, to commemorate the Anniversary of their National Independence.

The 4th July 1776 gave our Country a rank and a name amongst the Nations of the earth, and laid the foundation for the greatest and most glorious revolutions that the world has ever seen. Before half a century shall have elapsed a whole continent will be free—And in the language of our [168] immortal Washington, we hope the period is not distant when, these United States, "by a careful preservation "and prudent use of liberty, will acquire, the glory, of recommending "it to the applause, the affection, and the adoption of every nation "which is yet a Stranger to it."

The 4th of July is equally dear to Gen^{l} La Fayette and to us. He shared in our toils, our sufferings, and our dangers—Let us together partake of its glories.

Resolved, therefore that he be, and hereby is, respectfully invited, by the Corporation of the City of New York, acting in behalf of their Fellow Citizens, to unite with them in the celebration of that day, and in partaking with the Corporation of a public dinner in the City Hall—And that his Honor the Mayor communicate this invitation to Gen^{l} La Fayette.

Resolved, that the Special Committee of the Corporation of the City of New York heretofore appointed to receive Gen^{l} La Fayette upon his arrival from France, together with such other members as may now be added to the said Committee, communicate to him, that this Board sees with the greatest [169] pleasure the demonstrations of affection & gratitude, with which he is every where met throughout our extended Republic. It is a tribute of profound national respect, for great national services.

When he embarked in our cause, we were poor—oppressed—and environed with dangers, We are now rich—free and powerful. The loftiest sentiments of honor, and of equity, therefore, combine, to direct the people of the United States to receive General La Fayette with the most marked tokens of love and respect. It is eminently due to him and equally due to ourselves—It is a great moral example, to see a whole nation shew a becoming gratitude, for services long since passed

Nor can this Board withhold its applause of the conduct of a Man who has so uniformly shewn himself the unshaken friend of the people. He has been assailed by Princes and their Ministers by Jacobin Clubs and by Mobs—by faction and by despotism—by Kings and by Emperors, and by the partisans, the tools, and the Sycophants of them all; Yet throughout his whole life we have seen him inflexible in his principles, and always a Diciple of public Liberty

Therefore Resolved that the said Committee communicate to General La Fayette, by letter, that whenever, and as often, as he can dis- [170] engage himself from the caresses of our Fellow Citizens in other parts of the Union, the Citizens of the City of New York, and the Corporation of the City of New York *and the Corporation of the City* will most gladly receive him as their Guest.

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved. That One thousand dollars be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee of Finance for the purpose of paying the Sweepers of the Public grounds and that his Honor the Mayor sign a Warrant for the same during the recess of the Board.

A Note was received from Archibald Robertson Esquire Secretary of the American Academy of Fine Arts Inviting the Members of the Common Council and their families to visit the Gallery of the Academy during to-morrow 12th Inst. which was accepted.

The Report of the Street Committee on the Petition for opening Cliff Street was called up & after some discussion was referred back to the same Committee.

[171] The Comptroller made the following report.

Balance as per Acct 25 April		5419.64	
Recd for Tax of 1824, 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10 Wards		39800.00	
"	Rents	5431.74	
"	Fines &c of Attorney	283.84	
"	Justices Courts	240.09	
"	Mayoralty fees	117.00	
"	Fines &c of Sheriff	25.00	
"	Commutation of A[lien] Passengers	15.00	
			51.332.31

64 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Walton Watch 1 Dist.....	909.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2d "	666.75
Bleakley & Stagg do 3d "	645.75
Wm Paulding Mayor 1 Qrs Salary 26 Apl.....	750.00
A Martling Keeper C Hall 1 " " 1 May	200.00
Jno Burger regulating 4 public Clocks 1 Qr. 1 May.....	50.
O Ayres Asst City Inspecr 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	45.50
Jno Coffin do do do 1 " 1 "	45.50
Corns Myers Keeper Pottersfield 1 " 1 "	37.50
C Gilman " Battery 1 " 1 "	30.
A McCready " Park 1 " 1 "	30.
Astin & Higbie Messengers 1 " 1 "	52.
R. Jaques St. Inspector 1 Ward 1 " 1 "	33.75
P Wright ditto 2 " 1 " 1 "	33.75
T Jeroleman ditto 3 " 1 " 1 "	33.75
N B Lyon ditto 4 " 1 " 1 "	33.75
[172] A Ackerman ditto 5 " 1 " 1 "	33.75
Wm Kerr ditto 6 " 1 " 1 "	33.75
B Fuller ditto 7 " 1 " 1 "	33.75
S. Hutchings ditto 8 " 1 " 1 "	33.75
D Hubberd ditto 10 " 1 " 1 "	33.75
Abrm B Martling Keeper City Hall Expences Corporation 1 Qr 1 May.....	240.91
Geo B Thorp Keeper City Prison Expenses at Park and Battery	36.06
J Coffin Assist City Inspecr removing Nuisances 1 May 1 Quarter	26.19
J Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Instant...	400.
E Morrell Justice 4. 6 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Instant.....	400.
H. Meigs Justice 5. 8 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Instant.....	400.
H. Scovell Justice 7. 10 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Instant.....	400.
David M Cowdrey Clerk 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qr. Salary 1 Instant	187.50
Geo Betts Clerk 4. 6 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst.....	187.50
J Campbell Clerk 5. 8 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Instant.....	187.50
Wm H Smith Clerk 7. 10 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 Instant....	187.50
[173] Wm Sherwood, Rent, Court 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Quarter 1 Instant	37.50
Abrm Knapp Rent Court 4. 6 Wards 1 Quarter 1 Instant...	25. 0
Samuel Downing Rent Court 7. 10 Wards 1 Quarter 1 Instant	25.
B Hicks Assist Board of Health 1 Mo Salary 1 Inst.....	45.50
J Pinckney Assist. Board of Health 1 Mo Salary 1 Inst....	45.50
Geo. B Thorp Keeper City Prison & Depute 1 Quarter 1 May	450.
John J Howe Physician City Prison 1 Qr Salary 1 May....	75.
Catharine Murray remission of Tax 4th Ward. Ordered 28 April	30.84

Leonard Baum Clerk Washington Markt 1 Month 1 Instant	63.54
J Bremner Clerk Catharine Markt 1 Month 1 Instant.....	60.
P. Amerman Clerk Six Markets 1 Month 1 Instant.....	54.50
G. Duryea Clerk Fulton Market 1 Month 1 Instant.....	41.67
Isaac Astin Sweeper Fulton Markt 1 Month 1 Instant.....	38.59
A Leggett Supers & Work Mud Scow to 8 Inst.....	114.25
[174] Jno Van Duser Work at Lamps 1 Qr 1 May.....	69.64
P H Wendover Sheriff for Officers attends Courts 1 Qr 1 Instant	1318.73
P. H Wendover Sheriff for Deputies conveying persons to Penitenty 1 Qr 1 Ins.....	16.
Richd Hatfield Clerk of Sessions 1 Qr Salary 12 May.....	375.
Richd Hatfield Clerk to pay Witnesses 1 Quarter 12 May..	35.25
S Montgomery for Officers serving Subpoenas 1 Qr 1 Instant	187.12
Jno P Roome Crier of Court 1 Qr Salary 3 May.....	50.
P. & H Van Pelt, Printing 1 Qr 1 May.....	445.
John Tiebout Stationary 6 Mos 1 "	249.31
M Ulshoeffer, Attorney, Taxed Costs, widening Bancker St. fr Pike to Oliver.....	697.65
J Targee & Associates Commissrs fees & Expences widens Do Do Do.....	971.
M. Ulshoeffer, Attorney, Taxed Costs. widening Pike fr Division to Cherry.....	595.27
J. Salisbury & Associates Commissrs fees & Expences widens Do Do Do.....	741.
Wm Gee. Posting Bills to 1 Inst.....	37.
R Ayres cleaning rubbish from Park.....	18.01
[175] R Ferguson repairing. Intersections Varick and Van Dam Streets	6.
R. Ayres Work at the Battery.....	68.
Thos Dougherty Mould and Sand at Battery.....	68.
Balance	

The Board adjourned
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[177] In Common Council May 23rd 1825.

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Mayor President
Richd Riker Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thos Bolton
Elisha W King	John Agnew
William H Ireland	Josiah Hedden
Samuel Cowdrey	Jameson Cox
Matthew Reed	Danl E Dunscomb
Asa Mann	
Jacob B Taylor	
William A Davis	
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants of 9th Ward praying that the line of the Watch and Lamp District may be extended to a line from Fort Gansevoort to the junction of the Eighth Avenue & Greenwich Lane, was refd to Lamp Commee

[178] A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that the Houses in Laight and Thompson Streets may be regularly numbered, was referred to the Superint of Repairs, with directions to cause the same to be done.

A Request of Francis R Tillow that certain Grants of the Corporation to Henry Bedlow and John Beekman which were neglected to be acknowledged may now be directed to be acknowledged by the proper persons in order that [they] may be put upon Record was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Jacob Rapelye & Jacob J Dyckman Contractors of Street manure for leave to deposite the Manure in some unfrequented place in the rear of the Belvadera House, was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A Petition of Stephen Allen and others that the Carriage way in front of their premises between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip having been repaved by them may be accepted by the public and hereafter repaved at Public expense was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William Post for permission to build a Cistern in the Street Corner of Grand and Orange Streets. was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward & Street Commissioner

[*178] A Petition for a Well and Pump in Water Street near

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

Corlear Street, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 7 Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Grand and Attorney Streets, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 10th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Varick and King Streets, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Thomas Bell for liberty to remove a House from the corner of Catharine & Harman Street to the Corner of Christopher and Sixth Streets was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority

A Petition from Peter G Stuyvesant, stating that he is desirous of obtaining a Water Grant in front of his property adjoining to the East river but that he objects to the Rates of Quit rent as reported by the Finance Committee and requests the same may be reduced—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[180] A Petition of Ithamar Osborn Lessee of premises in Chatham Street, praying a reduction of Rent, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Two Remonstrances from a number of Inhabitants against the proposed improvements in Pearl Street being carried into effect until the first of May next, was referred to the Street Committee.

Three Remonstrances from a number of Inhabitants and owners objecting to the Assessment for the Canal Street Sewer—also a Remonstrance by Alexander L Stewart against said Assessment were read & referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Remonstrance from a great number of Citizens against the proposed Establishment of La Fayette Place by which a Street will pass through the Vauxhall Garden—a remonstrance from Timothy Madden Proprietor of Vauxhall Garden and of James Van Zandt were severally read and were laid on the Table.

A Remonstrance against the Repeal of the Law respecting Interments was read and laid on the Table.

[181] A Petition of Robert Stanton to be retained as a City Weigher he through ignorance of the Resolution of the Common Council having neglected to report himself, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Aaron Brinckerhoff for Office of Measurer of Grain, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of H Sage to be appointed to take the Census of the

8th Ward or of any other Ward, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Henry Mackey to be appointed a Lamp lighter—and a similar Petition from Timothy Cornwell were referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of M D Higgins for License as a Cartman, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Isaac A Isaacs to be appointed to take the Census of one of the Wards of the City—was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

[182] A Petition of William Ferris to be permitted to remove a frame building from the 7th to the 10th Ward was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 7th and 10th Wards with powers.

A Petition of Samuel Akerly and others to stay proceedings in filling up Water Street between Pike and Rutgers' Slip was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition from E Weeks President of the Dry Dock Company stating that for the accomplishing the purposes of their Charter it will be necessary for them to shut the termination of some of the Streets in the neighbourhood of the contemplated Location of the Dry Docks they therefore request permission to use so much of the termination of such Streets upon the East river between 6th & 13th Streets inclusive as they may deem necessary—which having been read was referred to the Street Committee.

The Committee of Assessments on the petition of Aaron Keeler reported in his favour as follows.

The Committee on Assessments, Report that the personal Tax of $19 ^{00} imposed upon Mr A Keeler in the 5th Ward ought to be remitted.

[183] They therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, that the personal Tax of $19 ^{00} for the year 1824 upon Mr A Keeler be remitted.

D E. Dunscomb
S Cowdrey
(Signed) Wm A Davis
Henry J Wyckoff
Josiah Hedden

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments presented the following Report, in favour of Miss Julia Lynch,

The Committee on Assessments Report that the personal Tax of $9 22 imposed upon Miss Julia Lynch in the 5th Ward ought to be remitted.

They therefore offer the following resolution for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved, that the personal Tax of $9 22 for the year 1824 upon Miss Julia Lynch be remitted

D E Dunscomb
Saml Cowdrey
(Signed) Wm A Davis
Henry J Wyckoff
Josiah Hedden

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[184] The Market Committee presented the following Report, on licensing Jacob Patchin, William Callender, Joseph Alden, and James Van Arsdall as Butchers

The Market Committee beg leave respectfully [to] Report

That they have had the following applications for Butchers Licenses before them and beg leave to recommend that Licenses be granted to the following persons in the Fulton Market.

Jacob Patchin for Stand No 44
William Callender , , No 49
Joseph Alden , , No 55
James Van Arsdall , No 58

They beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved, that Butchers Licenses be granted to the above named persons according to the above recommendation

Thomas Bolton
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Matthew Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the petition of Joseph W Howard reported against the petition as follows,

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Joseph [185] W Howard, to be put in possession of the Cellar No 4 Fulton Market, beg leave respectfully to report.

That your Committee did on the 28th January last, proceed to affix Rents to the Cellars under Fulton Market for the present year, commencing on the first Instant, and instructed the Collector of the City Revenue to give the refusal of them, in every instance, to the persons then occupying them, except in cases of delinquency or misconduct on the part of such tenants.

In pursuance of this general regulation Mr Smith agreed to rent the Cellar No 4, at the rate of Four Hundred and fifty Dollars per Annum to Joseph W Howard, who represented himself, and who appeared on the Books of the Collector to be, the tenant then in possession; provided the Market Committee should approve of the same

On the 14th Febry a remonstrance was presented to the Common Council, by Jonathan Hillman, and Asa Nelson, which was referred to your Committee, and by which it appeared that the unexpired term of the lease formerly granted to Howard, had been conveyed to Uriel Howard, and Thomas P Wood, and by them conveyed on the 10th day of May 1824 to the remonstrants Hillman & Mason for the Sum of $1200 of which sum $800. [186] was declared to be the consideration for the good will of the lease, and $400 for the fixtures belonging to Howard.

Your Committee met on the 16th Febry and noticed all the parties to appear before them. Which they accordingly did, on the 22d Febry when a Majority of your Committee, (The Chairman being then absent from the City) having heard their several statements, and having carefully examined, the documents presented to them, were of opinion that Joseph W Howard, and his Assignees, viz, Uriel W Howard and Thomas P Wood, had divested themselves of all claim upon the Corporation for a renewal of the lease, on the ground of former occupancy, by their Assignment to Hillman & Nelson, for a valuable consideration and that the Committee were bound in equity & good faith, to consider said Hillman & Nelson as their Tenants, and did accordingly direct the Collector to lease the Premises to them, at the stipulated rent.

Your Committee having no reason to doubt the correctness of their decision, and believing that any other course than the one adopted by them, would have been inconsistent, with the strict regard to individual rights which the Common Council, is always desirous to observe, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

[187] Resolved, That the Petition[er] have leave to withdraw his Petition

Signed
Philip Hone
Thom^{s} Bolton
W^{m} H Ireland
D E Dunscomb
Matthew Reed

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of Hugh Harrigan for Stall N^{o} 8 Grand Street Market reported in his favour

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Hugh Harrigan for a Butchers License for the Stand N^{o} 8 Grand Street market, beg leave respectfully to report

That the Petitioner has a lease from your Committee for Stand N^{o} 8 Grand Street Market for the present year, Your Committee believe him to be a suitable person to obtain a license, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that a Butchers License be granted to Hugh Harrigan for the Stand N^{o} 8 Grand Street Market

(Signed)
Philip Hone
Thom^{s} Bolton
W^{m} H Ireland
D E Dunscomb
Matthew Reed

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

[188] The Market Committee on the petition of Cornelius Chivvis for Stall in Spring Street Market reported against the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Cornelius Chivvis for a Stand in Spring Street Market beg leave respectfully to report.

That by the present arrangement, the number of Stands in Spring Street Market is limited to twelve, and your Committee having leased them for the present year under that arrangement deem it unjust to encrease the number before the expiration of the present leases, Your Committee are further of opinion that the wants of that neighborhood do not at present require an increase of *that neighborhood do not at present require an increase of* the number of the Butchers, and as it does not appear, that there is a vacancy, they beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at present, to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Philip Hone
Thom^{s} Bolton
Signed Wm H Ireland
Matthew Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[189] The Market Committee on the petition of Charles Thurber for Stall N° 24 Washington Market, reported in favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Thurber for a license for Stand N° 24 Washington Market, beg leave respectfully to report.

That the Petitioner is well recommended, and in the opinion of your Committee a suitable person to receive a license, His Petition is accompanied by the relinquishment of the Stand on the part of Thom^{s} Corleys the present Occupant, and your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that a Butchers License be granted to Charles Thurber for the Stand N° 24 Washington Market.

Philip Hone
Thom^{s} Bolton
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Matthew Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the petition of Caleb Angevine for Stall N° 3 Franklin Market reported in favor as follows,

The Market Committee respectfully report, That the annexed petition of Caleb Angevine [190] praying for a Butchers License for Stand N° 3 Franklin Market has been duly considered by them, and as M^{r} Angevine is extremely well recommended, the Committee have not any hesitation in recommending him as a suitable person to obtain the license prayed for—They beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Butchers license be granted to Caleb Angevine for Stand N° 3 in the Franklin Market,

Tho^{s} Bolton
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Matthew Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Canal Committee on the Petition of John Nitchie and others respecting the Sewer in Broad Street presented the following report

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the annexed memorial, stating that the Cellars to the Buildings on the westerly side of Broad Street are overflowed with water, owing to the decayed state of the drain on that side of the Street—Report, that they have caused an examination to be made in the premises, and are of the opinion, that in order to correct the evil complained of, it will be necessary to construct a new drain throughout, [191] and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that a drain of durable materials be constructed on the westerly Side of Broad Street, from near Wall Street to the Common Sewer at Bridge Street.

(Signed) John Agnew
John Webb
Matthew Reed

After some discussion thereon Alderman Wyckoff presented the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be authorised to construct one or more Sewers in Broad Street under the direction of the Street Committee in such manner as may be deemed necessary to free the Cellars in the vicinity thereof from Water—which was agreed to—The Street Commissioner whereupon presented an Ordinance for building a drain between Wall Street and Bridge Street, which was passed and Isaac Kip, John Targee and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors

The Finance Committee on the petition of the Trustees of the City Dispensary reported as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of the Trustees of the City Dispensary, That the petitioners pray for the usual donation from the Board, That [192] their Report shews the extensive utility of that institution during the last year, & your Committee consider that the annual grant ought to be continued to the Dispensary, Your Committee therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, that the said petition and the annual report accompanying the same, of the Trustees of the City Dispensary, be filed; and that the Comptroller report a warrant at the next regular meeting of

the board for the sum of Six hundred dollars, to Lindley Murray, Treasurer of the City Dispensary.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell
Saml Cowdrey.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of the Revd David S. Bogart reported against the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of the Revd D. S. Bogart, That the petitioner wishes the Board to pay over to him the amount for which the house No 30 William Street sold, after he had abandoned it to the Corporation—Your Committee after duly [193] considering this matter, are of the opinion that the money in question ought not to be paid to the petitioner, because he voluntarily abandoned the said House to the Board, and if its removal had been expensive instead of profitable (as it unexpectedly turned out) Your Committee feel assured that the loss must have been sustained by the Board—All the rent of the said premises to which he is legally entitled, the petitioner can compel his tenants to pay to him, For the value of the premises, the Commissioners compensated him—The petitioner having refused to remove the house himself, and thus thrown the necessity of removing the same upon this Board. Your Committee think, that the petitioner ought not to expect to have the prayer of his petition granted—They therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the board the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell
Saml Cowdrey.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[194] The Finance Committee on the petition of the Merchants Exchange Company reported against the same as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of the Merchants Exchange Company, That the petitioners wish the board to pay over to them the amount for which the house No 30

William Street sold, after the same was abandoned to the board by the Rev[d] D. S. Bogart, Your Committee do not think that the amount in question ought to be paid to the petitioners, nor that the petitioners are either legally or equitably entitled to the same, they therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) W[m] H Ireland
W[m] Burtsell
Sam[l] Cowdrey

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Jn[o] K Townsend reported against the same as follows. viz.

[195] The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Jn[o] K Townsend, who was lessee of Districts N[o] 1 & 2, of the public Wharves & Slips last Year, That the petitioner has paid his two first quarters rent, but that third quarter being unpaid, a suit has been commenced to recover the same,—since which time the last quarters rent has likewise become due, and is unpaid, Your Committee do not see any thing in the case of the petitioner requiring the Board to relieve him, The petitioner leased the above named Districts and covenanted to pay the rent agreed upon, but he has neglected to pay the two last quarters rent—Under these circumstances your committee respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner,

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) W[m] H Ireland
W[m] Burtsell
Sam[l] Cowdrey

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred a resolution respecting constructing Cisterns in certain parts of the [196] City reported in favor of the same as follows.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred a resolution enquiring into the expediency of causing a number of Public cisterns to be built—Report, that after having had the above resolution under consideration, they requested the Chief Engineer to advise

with the other Engineers and to give the above subject their best consideration, the result thereof the Chief Engineer has communicated and is hereunto annexed, as Your Committee coincide in the opinions and recommendations therein expressed, they request the same may be considered as part of their report.

The Chief Engineer by request of the Committee on the Fire Department in Company with the other Engineers and Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs examined on the 5th Instant the different Situations in the 8th and 10th Wards for the location of Public Cisterns for the purpose of protecting the property of their Fellow Citizens from that destructive element fire.

Report, that it will be necessary to have Two Cisterns at the Church on the corner of Grand and Mercer Streets, One at the Church corner of Green & Brome Streets, Two at St. Thomas Church, Corner of Broadway and Houston Streets Two at the Bowery Church near Pump Street—one of the last named in the Bowery the other in Elizabeth Street, One in Chatham Square [197] to be supplied with water from the property of James W Dominick Esquire, One at Free School N° 5 in Mott near Prince St. Two at the Methodist Church in Allen near Rivington Streets, and One at Essex Market in Grand Street, making in all twelve, The number may appear large but when it is taken into consideration that there is no supply of Water in the above neighborhoods but Pumps, and they are no dependance for permanent supplies, it is often found necessary to form lines to the rivers, for Water to stop the progress of fires, and in some cases within the last twelve months lines have been formed with from 15 to 23 Engines, allowing 200 feet of Hose, and 26 Men to each Engine will make from 3000 to 4600 of Hose and from 390 to 598 men to work at the most laborious duty that is performed by any of Our fellow Citizens to get one stream of water on the fire, and with the best organized Fire Department in the United States, or any other part of the Globe, Fires frequently get to an alarming height before subdued, for the want of Water, Fires in the vicinity of the Rivers or public Cisterns are soon extinguished with trifling damage in comparison to fires that occur in places destitute of Water, there is abundant proof of the benefit from public Cisterns, without the aid of which it will [198] be impossible to give that part of your City the protection it requires, taking into view the valuable improvements already made together with the prospect of their increase, and the frequent occurance of fires, calls aloud on the constituted authorities to afford that protection contemplated by the Statute relative to Public Cisterns—

taking into view the extra labour performed by our fellow Citizens for the want of Water, together with the frequent use of all the Engines and other apparatus for extinguishing fires in the interior of the above named Wards which creates a considerable item in the expences of the City much of which could be saved by a sufficient supply of Water, at almost every fire some damage is done to the Engines, Hose and other apparatus.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Jameson Cox
Chief Engineer

Your Committee take the liberty to recommend to the Consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner advertise for objections to the above report, and in case reasonable objections are not made in writing previous to the next regular meeting of the Board, that he report an Ordinance [199] in conformity thereto

Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
John Agnew

Which was approved and the resolution proposed by the Committee was adopted.

The Committee on the Fire department on the petition of Hook & Ladder Company No 3. for an additional number of Men reported in favor as follows

The Committee on the Fire department to whom was referred the petition of the members of Fire Hook and Ladder Company No 3 stationed at Greenwich Village for an additional number of men— Report that the number of men attached to said Company being only 13, whereas the number attached to other Companies is 22, and as the duties of said Company has become very laborious in consequence of the erection of numerous buildings in that vicinity, your Committee are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that an additional number of men not exceeding Seven be appointed to Hook and Ladder Company No 3.

Henry J Wyckoff
Signed Wm H Ireland
[200] John Agnew

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of Gabriel Edmon for a Certificate of service as a Fireman reported in his favour

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of Gabriel Edmond who prays that a certificate may be granted him for his services as a fireman.

Report that it has been made [to] appear to the satisfaction of Your Committee that the petitioner was regularly appointed a fireman in the year 1812, but by the mistake or omission of the former Clerk of this Board, his name has not been entered on the Books of the Clerk, consequently he is unable to get the usual certificate of discharge—As the petitioner has satisfied your Committee that he has done his duty as a fireman the time prescribed by Law they respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to furnish Gabriel Edmond with such a certificate as will exempt him from the duties prescribed by Law.

Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
John Agnew

[201] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The following were appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Wardens 1st Ward.

William Van Antwerp Merchant, 73 Pearl Street
Vs. F Luqueer Resigned,
William Winterton Mercht Taylor 1 Wall Street.
Vs B. M. Brown, Resigned

Fire Wardens 5th Ward.

John B Schmelzel, Grocer Church Cr of White St.
Vs. James Journea Time Expired
Randolph Lowerre Meet packer 451 Greenwich St
Vs. John P Bailey Resigned

Fire Wardens 7th Ward

Henry Townsend Junr House Carpenter 163 Bancker St.
Vs. Thomson Price, Resigned,

Fire Wardens 8th Ward

Balthazer Melick Grocer, 500 Greenwich St.
Vs. George Schmelzel, Resigned

Fire Wardens 10th Ward

Edward Doughty, Surveyor 47 Bowery
Vs. Geo. F. Harper Time Expired
Augustus Cregier, Carver 267 Grand Street
Vs Daniel Townsend, Time Expired
Henry H Gillett, Builder, 250 Broome Street
Vs William Schureman Time Expired.

Hook & Ladder Co No 2

Hezekiah R Miller Carpenter 21 Elizabeth St
Vs Daniel Bird. Resigned

[202] Fire Hook & Ladder Co No 3

William J Roome Cartman, Burrows Nr Hudson St.
Vs John S Willet, Resigned.
John Degraw, Carpenter Watts nr Sullivan St.
To fill up the additional number

Fire Hook & Ladder Co No 4

Charles Royaels Marketman 31 Henry Street
Vs Caleb U Sutton Resigned
Harman Royaels Rig[g]er 31 Henry Street
Vs Benjamin Yates Resigned
Hoxie Barter Labourer 118 Bancker Street
Vs Frederic Seely Time Expired
Daniel D Hilt, Carpenter Grand Street
Vs William Armstrong Time Expired
John Hulshart Blacksmith 4 Jefferson Street
Vs David Keys Time Expired.

Fire Engine Co No 1

James Hoffmire. Carpenter, Duane Cr Chapel
Vs Abraham Coddington, Enlisted in U. S. Service

Fire Engine Co No 2.

Philander P Holcomb Grocer, Cor Eldridge & Division
Vs John Oakley Time Expired
Luff S Rhodes, Cartman Cor Rich & Delancy St
Vs Charles Taylor Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 4

John D B'Voise, Cabinet Maker 60 Beekman St.
Vs Peter Knight, Resigned

[203] Fire Engine Co No 8

Otis Harrington Merchant, Varrick nr Canal St.
Vs James Tylee, Resigned

William Gosper Painter 109 Mulberry St.
Vs Jacob T Imlay, Resigned

Jeremiah Hunt Grocer, 201 William Street
Vs Jacob F Bergen Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 12

John S Willett Brass Founder, < Rynder & Howard
Vs William McAlpine, Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 19

James Van Alst, Boat Builder, Division St
Vs Joshua Carhart, Resigned

Joseph Jarvis Boat Builder Orchard St.
Vs James G. Smith, Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 26

Ebenezer D, Cobb, Grocer 20 Pike Street
Vs David Evans, Time Expired,

Fire Engine Co No 27

John Hinton Shoe Maker, 457 Greenwich St.
Vs John *Mercelious* [Marcelus], Resigned

John Kidney, Cartman, 24 Disbrosses St.
Vs William French, Resigned

John Smith, Stone Cutter. Cor Hurbert & Greenwich
Vs James Van Beuren, Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 28

James Bennett Coach Maker, Green nr Grand
Vs Thomas Blair, Resigned

Benjamin Farrington Grocer, Cor Green & Bleecker Sts.
Vs John Aimes Resigned.

[204] Fire Engine Co No 32.

Smith Ellison, Shoe Merchant, 99 Hester St.
Vs Henry Allen, Time Expired

Fire Engine Co No 33.

Nelson Weed, Grocer, Lewis Cr Fourth St.
Vs George Rapelyea, Resigned

George Smith, Barber, Lewis nr North St.
Vs Anthony T Allaire Time Expired
Thomas Palmer Brass founder 6 Cannon St.
Vs Lewis Fisher, Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 34

William Willson Mason Raisen Street Vs Joseph Roby, Resigned
Michael Gough Cartman Herring Street
Vs Freeman Cole Resigned
Frederick M Irish, Cartman, Christopher St.
Vs James L Jones Resigned

Fire Engine Co No 39

John B Feaks, Jeweller 138 Pump St Vs Robert Barton Resigned
Peter W Hinton, Jeweller, Dey St. Vs Charles P. Clinch, Resigned
Josiah F Crane Mechanic, Wooster St.
Vs George Vaughan, Appd an Engineer

Fire Engine Co No 40

Absalom Traver Grocer, 225 Mulberry St
Vs Peter M Granger, removed to Newark.

[205] The Counsel presented a report stating that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners for widening Pearl Street near Coenties Slip and for opening the 6th Avenue from 13th Street to Love lane, which was referred to the Street Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances. viz

No 1	Js Warner	Owner	No 167	Chatham	St	A privy
2	M Moore	do		Grand & Mercer	"	do
3	B Strong	do		Grand	"	do
4	M Peltro	do	56	John	"	do
5	Clark & Beers	do	21	Lispenard	"	do
6	Rt Phillips	do	31	Pike	"	do
7	A Stagg	do		Ridge	"	do
8	A Stagg	do		Do	"	do
9	F Depeyster	do	44	Spring	"	do
10	Tunis Quick	do	63	Water	"	do
11	Sl Thompson	do	96	Cherry	"	do
12	Wm Green	do		Greenwich		A Lot

Signed G Cuming Cy Inspectr

[206] The Street Commissioner presented a Report on the petition of Charles Oakley and others respecting a nuisance in Reason Street which was referred to the City Inspector to abate the nuisance.

A Law was presented by the Market Committee which was passed under the title of a Law relating to Fishermen in Washington Market, and was directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

His Honor the Mayor stated that the Clerk agreeably to the resolutions of the Board had procured from the Office of the Secretary of State a certified Copy of the proceedings of the Commissioners of this State and the State of New Jersey in the years 1807 and 1808 in relation to the boundary line between this State and the State of New Jersey Whereupon it was directed that the same be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Common Council

A Resolution was presented on the subject of placing Railings on the sides of Causeways and Bridges on the different Roads & Avenues which was referred to the Road Committee

[207] Alderman Ireland presented a resolution to enquire into the propriety of increasing the compensation of the Superintendant of the Alms House, which was referred to the finance Committee.

Alderman Mann presented a resolution that Bancker Street be regulated and repaved from Oliver to Pike Street and the Side Walks laid and also a resolution that Pike Street be regulated and repaved from Division to Water Street and the side Walks therein, which were adopted—and thereupon

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for pitching and paving Bancker St. from Oliver to Pike Street and laying the side walks therein which was passed and James Bleecker, Cary Dunn Junr & Jno Brower were appointed Assessors.

Also for pitching and paving Pike St. from Division to Water Street and laying the side Walks therein and Abraham Dally, Benjamin Prince and John Targee were appointed Assessors.

Mr Cowdrey presented the following resolution, Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Public Offices to examine and [208] *and* report into the expediency of regulating the time and manner of ringing the Church and other Bells in this City, which was adopted and referred accordingly.

The Law in relation to appointing a Measurer of Cut Stone which had been laid for consideration was called up and being read was passed under the Title of "a Law to appoint a Measurer of Cut "Stone and Marble"

It was mooved that the Board now go into the appointment of the

person to fill said office—which was agreed to, and the mode of balloting being dispensed with, Robert Blake was appointed to said Office and it was, Resolved that Robert Blake be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Cut Stone and Marble.

Alderman Taylor presented the following

Resolved, that Thompson Street be regulated and paved from Bleecker to Fourth Street, which was referred to the Street Committee

Mr Dunscomb presented a Resolution respecting placing Chimnies in the Several Markets for the use of the Cellars under them which was referred to the Market Committee.

[209] The Recorder presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the report of the Committee and all the petitions and matters on the subject of Interments be referred back to the Committee to the end that they may amend their report and express an Opinion upon the matters referred to them by this Board, and that such amended Report be made at the next méeting of the Board.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

Balance as per Acct 11th Inst	37.857.78	
Recd for Taxes of 1824. 1. 2. 5. 6. 8. 10 Wards	23.500.	
" Tavern & Excise Licenses	15.000.	
" Rents	6,096.78	
" Police Office	1015.89	
" Justices Courts	349.01	
" City Prison fees	153.	
" Mayoralty fees	111.50	
" Clerk of Sessions & Criers fees	97.64	
" District Attorney's fees	87.79	
" Street Manure 5th Ward	81.23	
" Commutation Alien passengers	15.	
		84.365.62

43 Accounts Audited

Ald[n] Mann Chairman finance Comm[ees], to pay sweepers Public ground Warr[t] issued 14 I[nst]	1000.
Leek & Concklin Watch 1st Dist	855.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2nd Do	666.75
[210] Bleakley & Stagg Watch 3rd dist	645.75
G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr Salary 15 Inst	400.
J P Roome Superr Repairs 1 Qr do 14 "	250.
T J Waters Clerk Compt[rs] Office 1 Qr do 24 "	200.
M Ulshoffer Attorney, drafting Laws &c	256.46
Joseph Leonard furnishing list of passengers 6 Months 1 May	50.
J Morton Clerk. C. Council, paid for Copies of State Law &c	27.88

J Curtis Carriage hire	10.
S. Stilwell rent for Engine house 15, in Chrystie St. 1 Year 1 Inst	40.
L Richardson rent for Engine House 30 Rivington St. 1 Year 1 Inst	15.
H Tallman Coroner fees 1 Qr 1 May	560.31
Abrm Leggett Superg & Work Mud Scow to 22 Inst	133.30
H Maxwell Dist Attorney 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	625.
Jesse Howard Rent of Court room 5. 8 Wards, 1 Year 1 May	100.
J Hopson Special Justice 1 Qr Salary 12 Ins	400.
H Abell do " " "	400.
S Ovutt do " " "	400.
S. L'Hommedieu Clerk Police " " "	312.50
R Stephens Assist do " " "	250.
S L'Hommedieu Clerk Police Expenses 1 Qr 12 Inst. bal.	14.83
J Hays & 5 Officers attendg the Battery at Boat race, to protect Trees	12.
[211] J Mitchell & Co 17 Casks Oil	1267.90
Editor of Patriot, advertising 15th Decr 1824	1.12
J Targee & Associates, bal. Commissioners Expences wideng Bancker St. *for* [from] Pike to Oliver St	43.45
J Pinkerton paving at Washingn Market	313.15
C Mooney repairing Intersections 5 Ward	119.54
Lemuel Wells Costs on three Lots sold for taxes Nov 6. 1824, & redeemed	21.
J Gallagher 1st paymt Well Barrow St near Hudson St	49.50
J P Roome Supert Repairs for Docks & Slips	1183.
J P Roome do do " fire departmt	500.
J P Roome do do " building Washingn fish Market	300.
J P Roome Supert Repairs for Repairs	279.
J P Roome do do " Lamp Departmt	200.
J P Roome do do " Pump do	125.
J P Roome do do " Watch do	100.
Patrick Fury. Trees, mould, setting out. &c. at City Burying Ground	127.64
Arthur Burtis Supert Alms House for fever Hospital	2000.
Do Do Do Do Bal buildg Cells in Penitentiary	541.27
A Burtis Supert Alms House for building at New Potters field	631.21
A Burtis do do do for Alms House	5000.
Balance	63.937.31

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[213] In Common Council, June 6th, 1825.

Present. The Honble William Paulding Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esquire. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
H. J. Wyckoff	T. Bolton
E. W. King	S. St. John
W. H. Ireland	P. Hone
S. Cowdrey	J. Agnew
J. Webb	W. Burtsell
M. Reed	J. Hedden
A. Mann	J. Cox
J. B. Taylor	D E. Dunscomb
W. A. Davis	W P Rathbone
G. Ostrander	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from James Reynolds for permission to remove a House from Bowery to Delancy St. was laid on the table, it was afterwards called up and leave given to withdraw Petition

A Petition from James B Peffers to remove a House from Ludlow to Delancy Street was laid [214] on the Table—it was afterwards called up and leave given to withdraw Petition.

A Petition of R P. Bush to be appointed to take the Census in one of the Wards and a Similar Petition from Charles Holt were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Henry Leake Captain of the City Watch praying to be relieved from expenses incurred in his official duty was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Frederick Beinhauer Lessee of Lot N° 67 Common Lands requesting the same may be sold to him in Fee, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Cozzens for relief from a penalty for building a Cistern in Columbia Street was referred to the Police Commee

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Roosevelt Street, praying that as the Street is about to be repaved, that the Sewers in said Street may be repaired, was referred to the Street Commissioner with authority.

A Petition of Jacob Blackwell to be relieved from a personal tax assessed on [215] him, was referred to the Committee on Assessment

A Petition of the Inspectors of Firewood stating that the owners of the Steam Boats refuse to permit Wood purchased by them to be inspected—alledging that the Law only applies to Wood which is

carted away, and praying relief—which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of N. C, Hart for permission to extend a Cistern in the Street at the corner of Pike and Division Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 7th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of William A Mercein to be appointed to take the Census of the 4th Ward was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of the Society for improving the character and usefulness of domestic Servants for the use of the room lately occupied by the Savings Bank under Lease to the Academy of Fine Arts, the President & Directors thereof having signified their assent to the same, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Matthias and Joseph Smith for lease of Stand No 3 Fulton Market [216] was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of George Bruce Lessee of a Lot in Augustus Street requesting, the fee simple of the same may be sold to him, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of William Ostrander Weigher in Fulton Market praying a revision of the Tariff of fees allowed for weighing Articles and that the same be encreased, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Old Slip, praying that the stairs at the head of the slip may be removed, was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Henry Rankin to be permitted to erect an Iron railing around his House corner of Church and Vesey Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 3rd Ward and Street Commissioner with Authority.

A Petition of John J Robinson for Office of City Weigher, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

[217] Four petitions of sundry Inhabitants praying that an Ordinance may be passed prohibiting Slaughter Houses within the improved part of the City, were read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of George Belden to be relieved from a personal Tax assessed on him, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Elisha Williams to be appointed to take the Census of the 6th Ward was referred to the Committee on Public Office

A Petition of William Hogencamp for Office of Measurer of Charcoal, and a petition from the measurers of Charcoal for the appointment of an additional Measurer, were referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Le Roy Street near Hudson Street, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well and pump in Clarkson near Hudson Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

[218] A Petition of Cornelius Myers Keeper of Pottersfield for an increased allowance in consequence of the great labour imposed on him, was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

A Petition of James Patton for Water Grant opposite his Lots on Hudson river South of Barrow Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A remonstrance from the Consistory of the Church at the corner of Broome and Green Streets, against constructing a Cistern near said Church, was laid for consideration.

A Petition from John Hyatt for relief from personal Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessment

A Petition from Nathan Sandford for a Water Grant in front of his Lots on Hudson river, situate on Washington Street—was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Varrick Street near Hammersly Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward & Street Commissioner

[219] A Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of Broad Street against extending the Sewer up the Center of said Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance from several Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Vauxhall Garden against the exhibition of Fire Works in the Garden, was referred to the Police Committee.

An Account was presented of Jacob Hays amounting to fourteen dollars for conveying 28 Children to the House of Refuge was referred to the Police Committee with powers

A Communication of the First Marshall on the subject of permitting Booths to be erected around the Public places on the 4th July next was referred to the Committee on Lands & places with Powers.

A Communication was received from William Berrian Collector of 5th Ward on the subject of Assessment laid upon William Adee and others in the said Ward, which was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[220] A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Watts' Street requesting the Side Walks may be paved and the houses numbered

was read and the first referred to the Street Committee and the latter to the Superintendant of Repairs to cause the houses to be numbered.

A request of Robart Bogardus Esquire in behalf of the New York Water Company to permit [him] to examine and Copy the Survey and Documents made and furnished by M^r White to the Corporation, was read and referred to the Mayor with authority.

A Petition of Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catharine Street Ferry requesting that piles may be Substituted for the Chain which holds the Floats at Said Ferry—which was read and referred to the Ferry Comm^ee

A Petition from Hooker St. John to be relieved from a fine incurred by driving a Carriage without License, was referred to the Police Committee.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 7^th Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and Pump in Water Street near Corlear's Street reported in favour of the Same as follows—

[221] The Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward, and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and pump in Water Street near Corlears Street, report their Opinion by the following resolution.

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted.

(Signed) Asa Mann
Jameson Cox
R Graves

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committtee on the petition of Francis V Tillou to authenticate certain Grants reported in favor thereof as follows, viz

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of F R. Tilyou Esquire that two certain Water Grants one to Henry Bedlow, and the other to John Beekman, were made in the year 1806, by this Corporation and that owing to the decease of the person who then was Clerk and the absence of the then Mayor of the City, the said Grants cannot be acknowledged and recorded according to Law, wherefore the petitioners prays that the present Clerk of this Board may be authorised to acknowledge and prove the said Grants in due form of Law—Although Your Committee are inclined to think that the present [222] Clerk could legally prove the execution of Grant, by this Corporation, made anterior to his Clerkship Yet as there can be no objection to giving authority so to do, as the petitioner

deems it necessary, Your Committee therefore respectfully offer for the Consideration of the board the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be authorised to acknowledge and prove the aforesaid Grants according to law.

Asa Mann
Saml Cowdrey
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of Peter G Stuyvesant for the reduction of the rate of Quit rent reserved on certain Water Grants reported against the same.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Peter G Stuyvesant Esquire on the subject of a Water Grant in front of his property adjoining the East river. That the petitioner objects to the rates of quit rent established some short time ago for the water grants in that part of the City. Your Committee having duly [223] considered this matter are of opinion that the rates established for that part of the City, are correct and proper, and ought not to be altered and they are the more satisfied on this subject from a knowledge that the rates in question are considered by others interested therein, as proper and reasonable—Your Committee therefore offer for the Consideration of the board, the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Saml Cowdrey
William Burtsell.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of James Amory for the purchase in fee of certain Lots of Common Lands reported in favor thereof as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report that they have agreed with James Amory for the Sale to him of Lots numbers 101, 107 and 109 and 183, being four lots of the Common Lands, for the Sum of four thousands five hundred dollars. Mr Amory has been sometime in treaty for the purchase [224] of these Lots, and Your Committee

have concluded, to make this sale to him, as being advantageous to the public interests—The Said Sale to be in fee Simple Mr Amory now has existing leases upon lots 101, 107, and 109 of said premises, at the annual rent of forty five dollars for 19 Years—The Deed to be made out in the Same manner as other deeds for Common Lands, heretofore made to Mr Amory, Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Counsel prepare the necessary Deed or Conveyance of the premises above mentioned to James Amory, for the consideration above named, and that the Same may be executed by his honor the Mayor during the recess of the Board, Mr Amory to pay all expenses.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Finance Commitee to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the Salary of the Superintendant of the Alms House reported in favor as follows.

[225] The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed resolution, concerning the Compensation allowed to the Superintendant of the Alms House, That the present Salary of the Superintendant is $1250, which in the opinion of Your Committee, is not a Sufficient Compensation for the labour and Services of that valuable Officer, considering the duties of the Superintendent and his Constant attention to the public concerns committed to his charge, Your Committee are unanimously of the Opinion that the Compensation allowed him ought to be increased to the Sum of Sixteen hundred dollars, payable quarterly from the first day of January last. Your Committee therefore Offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution. Resolved, that the compensation to be allowed to the Superintendant of the Alms House, be the sum of Sixteen hundred dollars annually, payable quarterly, from the first day of January last past.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
William Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[226] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William A Davis reported in favour as follows—viz

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of W^m A Davis Esq^r which was presented to this Board prior to that Gentleman's being a member, That your Committee are of the opinion that the money arising from the Sale of the materials of the building lately N° 30 William Street, belongs to this Corporation, as the building was abandoned by the former owner to this Corporation, There is no legal claim on this board for this money, and your Committee have reported accordingly on the several petitions of the Merchants Exchange Company, & the Revd D. S. Bogart, But your Committee think that the petition of M^r Davis rests on different grounds, The money in question remains in the possession of the board, as their own; but M^r Davis having been a tenant in that building, your Committee think that as he received no compensation for his loss, the board may, if they think his case a hard one, make him Such Compensation out of the balance of the proceeds of said building, as they may deem just and expedient, after Considering the Circumstances of the case of M^r Davis, Your Committee think that they may with propriety recommend that the net proceeds of said building be paid over to Mr Davis—In doing this, Your [227] Committee do not wish to be understood as conseding that the Board are legally liable to pay this money to any of the petitioners who have applied for the Same—But they merely think that under all the circumstances of the case, if any of the claimants are entitled in justice to this money, it is the petitioner, whose petition is now under consideration—and your Committee therefore are of the opinion that the net proceeds of said building be paid over to M^r Davis according to the prayer of his Petition—They respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favour of William A Davis Esqr. for the Sum of Three hundred and thirty dollars, being the avails of the building late N° 30 William Street

(Signed) W^m H Ireland
W^m Burtsell
Sam^l Cowdrey

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Lands and places to whom was referred the resolution for placing chains around Some of the Grass plots in the Park presented a Report which was laid for consideration

[228] The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips presented the

following report in relation to a Block to be sunk on north side of Pier building at foot of Charlton Street.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips in examining the Pier now building from the foot of Charlton Street, to the permanent line on Hudson river, are of opinion for the Security of said pier against running ice there should be a block sunk on the North Side and a Bridge connected with Said Pier which would make the one side of a Bason whenever it became necessary to have one in that place and be more convenient for Vessels that may use it and therefore respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner do (under the directions of the Committee on Wharves & piers) contract for one block and Bridge to complete the said pier at foot of Charlton Street

John Webb
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Asa Mann,
Matthew Reed
John Agnew

Whereupon the resolution was adopted.

[229] The Canal Committee to whom was referred the resolution respecting cleansing the Public Sewers presented a report which was referred back to the Same Committee.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and pump corner of Grand & Attorney Streets reported in favour as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Robert McCollen and others for a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Grand and Attorney Streets report that a Well and Pump is much wanted at that place and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Wm P. Rathbone
R Graves.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well & Pump in Pitt Street near Broome Street reported in favor as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the [230] tenth Ward and Street

Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons for a Well and pump in Pitt Street near Broome Street Report, that the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted

Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Wm P Rathbone
R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well near the corner of Herring and Cornelia Streets reported in favor as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of William Ross and others for a Well and pump near the corner of Herring and Cornelia Street, Report their opinion by the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Danl E Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[231] The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well & pump in Varick Street reported in favor as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Peter Bourdett and others for a Well and pump near the intersection of Varick and Hammersly Street, report, that in their opinion their request ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D E Dunscomb
R Graves.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition to pave Thompson Street reported in favor as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution

following report in relation to a Block to be sunk on north side of Pier building at foot of Charlton Street.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips in examining the Pier now building from the foot of Charlton Street, to the permanent line on Hudson river, are of opinion for the Security of said pier against running ice there should be a block sunk on the North Side and a Bridge connected with Said Pier which would make the one side of a Bason whenever it became necessary to have one in that place and be more convenient for Vessels that may use it and therefore respectfully offer the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner do (under the directions of the Committee on Wharves & piers) contract for one block and Bridge to complete the said pier at foot of Charlton Street

John Webb
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Asa Mann,
Matthew Reed
John Agnew

Whereupon the resolution was adopted.

[229] The Canal Committee to whom was referred the resolution respecting cleansing the Public Sewers presented a report which was referred back to the Same Committee.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and pump corner of Grand & Attorney Streets reported in favour as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Robert McCollen and others for a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Grand and Attorney Streets report that a Well and Pump is much wanted at that place and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Wm P. Rathbone
R Graves.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

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The Alderman and Assistant of the [230] tenth Ward and Street

Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons for a Well and pump in Pitt Street near Broome Street Report, that the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted

Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Wm P Rathbone
R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

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The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of William Ross and others for a Well and pump near the corner of Herring and Cornelia Street, Report their opinion by the following resolution.

Resolved, that it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Danl E Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

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The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Peter Bourdett and others for a Well and pump near the intersection of Varick and Hammersly Street, report, that in their opinion their request ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D E Dunscomb
R Graves.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition to pave Thompson Street reported in favor as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution

for regulating & paving Thompson Street from Bleecker Street to Fourth Street Report, that in their opinion it is necessary and proper that the part of Thompson Street embraced in said resolution should be paved, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

[232] Resolved, that Thompson Street be regulated and paved from Bleecker Street to Fourth Street, and that an Ordinance be passed accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Saml St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the subject of opening the 6th Avenue reported in favour as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the report of the Counsel on the opening of the 6th Avenue from 13th Street to Love lane offer their Opinion by the following resolution

Resolved, that the opening of the Sixth Avenue be suspended to the 15th of June the present month, and that the Fences and other incumbrances be removed therefrom by the first day of July next.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Saml St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[233] The Street Committee on the petition to extend Attorney Street and to open Ridge Street reported in favor as follows.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the annexed resolutions offered for the opening, and extending Attorney and Ridge Street from Broome to Division Street, Report that the improvements and growth of that part of the City require those Streets to be opened and regulated accordingly they recommend the adoption of the resolutions as offered and hereunto annexed—no objections having been presented thereto.

Resolved that Attorney Street be opened and extended from Broome Street to Division Street

Resolved that Ridge Street be opened and extended from Broome Street to Division Street and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for carrying the object of the aforegoing resolutions into effect.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Saml St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the resolutions adopted.

[234] The Street Committee on the petition to pave Side Walks in certain Streets of 10th Ward reported in favour of paving Side Walks in Columbia Street.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition to have the side walks of Division, Grand and Columbia Streets paved, Report, that in their opinion so much of the request of the petitioners as respects the paving the walks of Columbia Street ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted as far as it relates to the paving the Side Walks of Columbia Street from Grand to Stanton Street

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Saml St John
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the petition of Abraham & James L. Brinckerhoff for delay in opening Pearl Street at Coenties Alley reported in favor as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons, praying that the opening of Pearl Street at Coenties Alley [235] by suspending the removing of the buildings until the first of May 1826. Report, that for reasons set forth by the petitioners. Your Committee recommend that the taking of the property be suspended to the first day of April 1826 and the Buildings to be removed by the first day of May following— and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the widening of Pearl Street at Coenties Alley be

postponed to the first day of April next, and that the buildings be removed therefrom by the first day of May thereafter.

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred back their report on opening Cliff Street, between Beekman and Frankfort Streets, presented a report which was read and laid for consideration. The Street Commissioner was directed to advertise in the papers employed by the Board the intended improvements, that objections *in* [if] any exist, may be made thereto.

[236] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Draught of a Law to prevent obstructions in the Streets reported as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the draft of a law entitled "A Law to prevent obstructions in the Streets" Report they have had the subject under their deliberate consideration, and are of the opinion that such a law is necessary and proper, as the evil which it is calculated to remedy has been the cause of much complaint—according[ly] they submit the following resolution

Resolved that the draft of a Law entitled a Law to prevent obstructions in the Streets" is necessary and proper and ought to be passed

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
(Signed) Gideon Ostrander
Sam[l] St John
Philip Hone

Whereupon the Law was passed under the Title of "a Law to prevent obstructions in the Streets"

The Law to appoint Fence Viewers and to establish an additional pound in the 9[th] Ward the first Section of which was passed on the [237] 4[th] May last was called up and the 2[nd] Section thereof was passed, and the whole law passed under the said Title, In said Law, Abraham Vermilye was appointed Keeper of the Pound

Alderman Taylor presented a Law, which was passed under the Title of a Law to prohibit the use of flying horses and the like dangerous and improper devices for public amusement in this City.

A Law was presented and was passed under the Title of "a Law further to prohibit Nuisances."

A Law to change the Sweeping days in 8th Ward was passed, under the Title of "a Law relative to the Sweeping days in the Eighth Ward.

The Committee on Applications for Office on the petition of John Arnod for Office of City Weigher presented a Report in his favor which was laid for consideration.

The Committee on Applications for Office on the petition of Aaron Brinkerhoff for Office of Measurer of Grain, reported in his favour.

[238] The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the annexed petition of Aaron Brinckerhoff to be appointed a Measurer of Grain, respectfully report, That *that* they consider the petitioner qualified and deserving the appointment and recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Aaron Brinckerhoff be and he is hereby appointed Measurer of Grain subject to the established regulations of this Board

(Signed) Matthew Reed
Jameson Cox

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications for Office on the petition of Samuel Holmes for Office of City Weigher presented a report in his favour, which was laid for consideration.

The Committee on Applications for Office on the petition of James Weed for Office of Measurer of Lumber reported in his favour.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the annexed petition of James Weed to be appointed an Inspector of Lumber, Report. that they consider him well qualified and worthy of the [239] Appointment he solicits, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that James Weed be and he is hereby appointed Measurer of Lumber

Signed Matthew Reed
Jameson Cox.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws presented a Report on the subject of Interments, but the same was laid on the table until the ordinary business of Reports from the Department was gone through

The Counsel reported in case of Capt Beebee as follows,

The Counsel respectfully reports, that Capt Beebe, of the Ship Savannah, was written to for not Bonding his passengers and that he afterwards Bonded and paid the expenses—under these circumstances the remission of the penalty is recommended

respectfully submitted

Signed M Ulshoeffer

Which was accepted, the fine remitted and the Report ordered to be filed.

[240] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and pump in Barrow Street near Hudson Street, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed viz.

For paving side Walks in Columbia Street from Grand to Stanton Street and John Brower, James Bleecker and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors.

For a Well and Pump in Cornelia near Herring Street and Isaac Kip, John Salisbury and Cary Dunn Junr were appointed Assessors.

For a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Grand and Attorney Streets and Abraham Dally, James Bleecker & John Salisbury were appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in Water Street between Walnut and Corlaers Street and Benjamin Prince, John Targee & John Brower were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump near the intersection of Hammersly and Varick Street & Isaac Kip Cary Dunn Junr & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Pitt Street [241] near Broome Street and John Targee, Benjamin Prince and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner also presented the following Communication on the subject of the injury arising from the moving of houses through the Streets

The Street Commissioner would respectfully submit for the consideration of the Common Council whether the present general permission given to all applicants for the privilege of removing Buildings into and along the Streets of this City is not attended with great and serious inconvenience to the public far exceeding the benefits to the individual owners of such buildings—the undersigned has lately wit-

nessed very considerable damage to the pavements, of the Streets, particularly to the side walks, Curb and Gutter by such removals, and respectfully suggests the propriety of prohibiting the removing of buildings along the Streets altogether agreeably to the 31st Section of the law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) R Graves

Which was approved and ordered to be filed

[242] The Chief Engineer presented his annual report, accompanied with a return of the Fire Department—The Report was as follows.

The Chief Engineer respectfully reports, that he has carefully inspected the various branches of the Fire Department, & herewith presents his annual return, with the names of the Engineers, Foremen, Firemen, and Fire Wardens, their places of abode, occupation &c, Also the places of deposite of the respective Machines; whereby it will appear that there are (including Two at the new Alms House) Forty Engines in Good Order Four Engines in Indifferent Order, Two Engines in Ordinary—Four Hook & Ladder Trucks, and One Hose Waggon, Six thousand nine hundred and thirty One feet of good hose—Two thousand five hundred and ninety four feet, of Ordinary, and four hundred and forty nine feet of Bad, making in the whole, (including Six hundred feet at the New Alms House) Ten thousand five hundred and Seventy four feet—Also Two hundred and Twenty Eight Fire Buckets—in good Order—Also Eighteen Ladders, and Twenty two Hooks.

The total number of men belonging to the fire department when the Companies [243] are full including the Engineers & Fire Wardens is One thousand, three hundred and nineteen but as there are Two hundred and thirty One vacancies the present number is One thousand and Eighty Eight.

By direction of the Board there have been built during the past Year, Three Engines for Companies N° 10, 19 and 33, One other is now building for Company N° 18, and N° 27 and 32 are rebuilding

Respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) Jameson Cox.

Whereupon the Report and return were directed to be printed.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Wardens of the 3rd Ward

Robert Bartow Merchant, 1 Dey Street
Vice James Clinch, time expired.

Charles P Clinch Merchant Dey Street
Vs. Geo. W Talbot, time expired

Wm Berger Druggist. 184 Greenwich St.
Vs Robert Buloid time expired.

Fire Wardens 5th Ward

Richard Hunt Painter 251 Duane St. Vs Richard Jaques, Resigned.

[244] Fire Wardens 7th Ward

Benjamin Sands Grocer, Cor Pike & Water Sts
Vs John R Le Count Resigned,

Fire Engine Company No 2

George Barker Junr Carpenter Orchard St
Vs Benjamin Perine Junr Resigned

William D Hunt Grocer, Forsyth St. Vs Ebenezer Cobb Resigned

No 11

Hugh W Harral Accountant 138 Water St.
Vs Geo Van Ness, Deceased,

No 15

Rowlandson Smith Sail Maker 23 Catharine
Vs John Bremner, Time Expired

Robert Brown Sail Maker Banker St
Vs James Griffen Time Expired

Wm Velleau Sail Maker 23 Catharine
Vs James E Hide Time Expired

No 23

Edward Scott Cordwainer Howard Street
Vs Samuel Gunton Joined another Co.

No 26

Luke Covert, Ship Carpenter Norfolk C Broome
Vs Alanson Weed Time Expired

Benjamin Perrine Cordwainer 97 Henry St.
Vs Jacob Burdett Time Expired.

[245] Fire Engine Co No 29

James Buckland, Carpenter, Charleton Street
Vs Robert Simpson Resigned.

No 31

John J Dawson Cabinet Maker 15 York Street
Vs Peter P Wendover. Resigned.
George W Summers Carver 124 Elm Street
Vs John Debow Junr—Resigned.

No 33

John Newman Ship Carpenter 24 Governeur St.
Vs Joseph W Rice Resigned.
John Baker. Carpenter Lewis near North St
Vs Weart Banta Time expired
John J Murdock Ship Carpenter 238 Stanton
Vs Barnes Hatfield, Time expired

No 36

Stephen Boner Brass Foundry 233 Spring St
Vs James Requa Time Expired
Richard Merit Cartman < Dominick Street
Vs James Baldwin Time Expired

No 41

William Myers Blacksmith 169 Delancy St.
Vs Joseph Collins, Time Expired,

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

No 1	[246] B Pell	Owner	228	Cherry St.		A privy
2	H Rutgers	do	68	Bancker St		"
3	ditto	do	80	"		"
4	ditto	do	124	"		"
5	ditto	do	126	"		"
6	ditto	do	128	"		"
7	ditto	do	136	"		"
8	ditto	do	138	"		"
9	M. M. Titus	do	209	Division St		"
10	W. C. Rhinelander	do	358	Washington St.		A Lot
11	Peter Kemble	do		Forsyth St		"
12	D Lane	do		Commerce St		"
13	R Bogardus	do	283	Front St		"

14	Bogert & Kneeland	Owner	106 South St.	A Lot
15	E W Miller	do	58 West St.	"
16	J Mapes	do	South St	"
17	G Smith.	do	105 South St	"

Respectfully submitted

Geo. Cuming

Alderman King presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the Public Sewers in this City to be cleansed as soon as may be, and that if practicable the Convicts confined in the Penitentiary be employed for that purpose.

[247] Alderman Ostrander presented a resolution for opening and extending Ludlow, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Arundle Streets, which was referred to the Street Committee.

The Recorder presented a resolution for granting to every Religious Denomination having any private vaults in their Cemetry constructed prior to June 1823, an equal Space of Ground in the New City Burial Ground as the said Vaults now embrace, which being read was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

Mr Hone presented a resolution requesting the Committee on Lands and places to report a plan for laying out the Park with an estimate of the expense which was referred to the said Committee.

Alderman Taylor moved that a Committee be appointed to make Suitable preparations for celebrating the ensuing Annerversary of American Independence—which was agreed to, & the President appointed to form the Committee Alderman Taylor Wyckoff Davis Reed Mr Agnew

[248] Alderman Wyckoff presented the following.

Resolved, that the side walk at the foot of Marketfield Street between Greenwich Street and the river be regulated & flagged, And also that the Wharf between the Office of the Nautilus Steam Boat and the Battery be regulated and paved, which was referred to the Street Committee

A Law to establish an additional pound in Chatham Street, was presented and referred to the Committee on Lands & places.

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following resolution which was adopted, viz.

Whereas the Assessors of the several Wards are now performing the duties of their appointments; and it being desirable that those duties should be discharged according to the uniform practice throughout

the State, therefore, Resolved, that the Clerk of this Board forthwith cause to be published in all the public papers of this City the following extracts from the Instructions of the State Comptroller, and the Acts of the Legislature, relative to the taxation of Incorporated Institutions, and that Copies thereof [249] be delivered to the Several Assessors in this City

State of New York }
Comptrollers Office }

Instructions to the several Towns and Wards in the State of New York.

"There appears to have been some misapprehension among the Assessors, as to their duty in relation to incorporated Companies, By the 14th Section of the "Act for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes," all incorporated Companies deriving a regular income from the employment of Capital, are to be considered as individuals, and like them subject to Taxation. It has, in some instances, been Supposed that Companies which are not profitable, are not taxable; this is not correct. By the Comprehensive terms of the law, every incorporated Company, producing any income, although less than its expenditure, is subject to taxation.

The Assessors should be careful that every incorporated Company in their towns, or which has its office or place of transacting business in their towns, be entered on the Assessment roll—From the whole amount of Capital of any company paid in or secured to be paid in, should be deducted the amount vested in real estate, and the amount of Stock held by the State or charitable institutions. [250] The remainder is the amount of personal property of such Company to be put on the Assessment roll; and the real estate of the Company is to be put down at its present value; and the Assessment of the Tax is to be made upon both the real and personal property by the Supervisors. When deductions are to be made for investments in real estate, and by Stock owned by literary and charitable institutions, it would be very desirable to ascertain and insert upon the assessment roll the particular real estate owned by the Company, and the name of the literary and charitable institutions which own the stock

Albany Sept. 11, 1824 Signed W L Macy Compt.

An Act for the Assessment and collection of Taxes passed April 23, 1823.

14th Section, "And be it further enacted that all incorporated Companies receiving a regular income from the employment of Capital

shall be considered persons within the meaning of this Act, and assessments shall be made, and taxes imposed, levied and collected in the same manner as upon individuals; That the Cashiers of Bank, Secretaries of Insurance Companies, [251] and Secretaries or Treasurers of all Manufacturing Companies, shall make and deliver to the said Assessors, or one of them, in the town or ward where the Office or place for transacting the business of the said Company is located, a list containing the real estate occupied by such company, if any, and the amount of Capital actually paid in, or secured to be paid in, (excepting thereout the amount vested in real estate, the amount of such Stock held by the State, or by any literary or charitable institution) and the Secretary or treasurer of every company incorporated for making turnpike roads or toll bridges, and the Secretary or Treasurer or other proper Officer of all acqueduct associations, and of all other incorporations other than above excepted, which now are or hereafter may be incorporated, shall deliver a similar list, containing the amount of Capital Stock actually paid in or secured to be paid in; And the assessors shall insert in their assessment roll, opposite to the name of such company the amount of such real and personal property."

An Act to amend the Act entitled "an Act for the Assessment and collection of Taxes passed April 20th, 1825

First Section. "Be it enacted by the people [252] of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, that it shall be the duty of the Assessors of each Town or Ward in the several Counties of this State, to insert in their Assesment roll the name of each incorporated Company liable to be taxed in such town or Ward, under the provisions of the Act hereby amended, and the amount of its Capital stock paid in or secured to be paid in; and shall also designate in the Assessment roll how much of the capital stock is in real, and how much is in personal property: and in case any deduction is made from the amount of the personal property of any Company by reason of any portion of the Stock being owned by the State, or any literary or Charitable incorporated institution, the same shall be particularly specified by the Assessors

A Resolution directing that the houses and Lots in Catharine & Division Streets be regularly numbered, was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with directions to cause it to be done.

[253] The Report of the Committee of Laws on the subject of the Petitions for the repeal of the Law *fordidding* [forbidding] the Interment of the Dead within certain limits of the City was called up

Alderman Cowdrey the Chairman of the Committee commenced reading the same, and after occupying a very considerable time and a large portion of the Report remaining to be read, the late hour of the evening induced the Board to concur in a motion to postpone the further reading thereof until the next meeting of the Board. And it was upon motion agreed that when this Board adjourn they will adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at 4 Oclock for the Sole purpose of taking into consideration the Said Report of the Committee on Laws,

And upon motion the Board adjourned to Thursday next at 4 Oclock.

The Comptroller presented the following report.

Balance as per Acct. 23 May	.....	63937.31
Recd for Tax of 1824. 2. 3. 5. 7. 8. 9. 10 Wds	.....	9.891.97
" Streets	.....	9.136.09
" Tavern & Excise Licenses	.....	4.600.
" Rents	.....	3.828.43
[254]" Justices Courts	.....	517.07
" Mayoralty fees	.....	112.

51 Accounts Audited.

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	.....	855.75
Hibberd & Clark Watch 2d "	.....	666.75
Bleakley & Stagg Watch 3d "	.....	645.75
Geo Cuming City Inspecr 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst	.....	200.
Ob Ayres Asst ditto 1 Mo " "	.....	45.50
Jno Coffin " " 1 Mo " "	.....	45.50
Astin & Higbie Messengers 1 Mo " "	.....	52.
Cornl Myers Keeper Pottersfield 1 Mo "	.....	38.75
Chs Gilman " Battery " "	.....	31.
And. McCready " Park " "	.....	31.
R Jaques St. Inspecr 1 Ward 1 Mo 1 Inst	.....	34.87
P Wright do 2 do 1 Mo "	.....	35.50
T Jeroleman do 3 do 1 Mo "	.....	34.87
N B Lyon do 4 do 1 Mo "	.....	34.87
A Ackerman do 5 do 1 Mo "	.....	34.87
W Kerr do 6 do 1 Mo "	.....	34.87
B Fuller do 7 do 1 Mo "	.....	34.87
S Hutchings do 8 do 1 Mo "	.....	34.87
D Hubbard do 10 do 1 Mo "	.....	34.87
B Hicks Asst Board Health 1 Mo "	.....	45.50
J Pinckney do 1 Mo "	.....	45.50
Abrm B Martling Keeper City Hall to purchase fuel	.....	600.
L Baum Clerk Washingn Market 1 Mo 1 Inst	.....	65.29

[255] J Bremner	Clerk	Catharine	Markt	1 Mo	1 Inst....		62.
Jas Gilbert	do	Three	Do	1 Mo	"		45.50
P Ammerman	do	Three	Do	1 Mo	"		36.50
G Duryea	do	Fulton	Do	1 Mo	"		41.67
Isaac Asten	Sweeper	Do	Do	1 Mo	"		38.59
R Smith	Clerk	Franklin	Do	1 Mo	"		38.75
J Mitchell & Co 16 Casks Oil.....							1347.06
G Snethen Supers & Lights Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst.....							643.41
R Provoost repairs Lamps 1 " "							101.68
Jno Van Duser Work at Lamps 1 " "							15.70
A Leggett Supers & Work Mud Scow to 15 Ins.....							146.63
Lang Turner & Co Subscripn N Y Gazette 1 Yr 7 Inst.....							100.
Treasr of State, direct Tax on Lot 163 Common Lands 6th Avenue							7.45
J Hayes for Officers Extra Service Police 1 Qr 26 May....							333.50
J Hays for Officers Conveying Prisoners to City Prison 1 Qr 1 May.....							101.
J Hays for Officers Conveying Prisoners to Penitentiary 1 Qr 26 May.....							24.50
Abrm Storms 1st paymt building Pier foot of Charlton Street							1537.50
John Campbell return Costs on Lots sold 10 Nov. 1824 for Tax, at Kips bay.....							7.
John Hone return Costs on Lot sold 5 Nov. 1823 for Tax at Bloomingdale							4.
M DeCamp Corporn Assesst ⅓ buildings opens Houston St. from Broadway to Bowery.....							3396.66
[256] Thoms R Smith & Associates Commrs fees and Expenses Opens 6 Avenue from 13 St to Love Lane.....							312.75
Thoms R Smith & Associates Commrs fees and Expenses Widens Pearl St at Coenties alley.....							279.25
Thoms Fairchild Inspecs paving Sundry Streets 1 Decemr 1824 to 1 April 1825.....							234.27
H Smith bal. reg & pav Willet Street from Grand to Stanton Street							72.37
H Smith bal reg. & pav Chrystie St from Delancy to Stanton St.....							27.30
R Pettigrew 1st paymt Well Washington Street near Clarkson Street							31.87
Thoms Dougherty 144 Loads Mould at Battery.....							18.
L Murray Treasurer City Dispensary for Vaccine Department 1 Year 16 March 1825.....							600.
						Balance	$78.735.21

[257] In Common Council June 9th 1825.

Present. The Honble William Paulding Mayor President
Richd Riker Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Saml St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Saml Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Danl E Dunscomb
William A Davis	Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander	

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of John Scudder for permission to erect in front of his house No 130 Chatham Street a Balastrade to extend about 2 feet in the Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Marcus Alden to be appointed to take the Census of the 10th Ward and a similar [258] Petition of Benjamin C Curtis to take that of the 9th Ward, which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of William Landsdown, Catharine Hughes, Esther Tompkins, Joseph Dunn and Isaac Batterson for permission to remove certain houses were referred to the Street Commissioner. And the Petition of James Reynolds and James B Poffers for similar purposes presented at the last meeting were called up and had the same referance—And it was Resolved that until the 1st day of July next the removal of Houses in the Streets be permitted at the discretion of the Street Commissioner and under his direction but that after that day no permission shall be given for such purpose but the Law forbidding such removals shall be carried into full force and effect.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the 7th Ward to stay proceedings on filling up and regulating Water Street from Market to Catharine Street, was referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A Petition of sundry Butchers praying a modification of the recent Law in relation [259] to the removal of Offals *and* [&c] was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Remonstrance against the further Interments in the African Burying Ground in Christie Street was read and laid on the table, it was afterwards called up and referred together with the Law after-

wards presented by Alderman Taylor to the Committee on Lands and places.

A Letter from Samuel J Willis as Chairman of the Delegates from the different Companies composing the Fire Department and forming the Committee of Arrangements for celerbrating the ensuing annerversary of American Independence, inviting the Corporation to unite with them in celebrating the Annerversary by attending an Oration to be delivered by the Rev^{d} Doctor Hooper Cummings on that occasion, was read and referred to the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of that day.

A Petition of John Sears remonstrating against the Law passed at the last meeting of the Board to prohibite the use of flying horses and praying the same may be repealed, was [260] read and referred to the Law Committee.

A Petition of Henry Overing for a Water Grant in front of his premises lying between Burrow and Christopher Streets on the Hudson river, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Mann presented a resolution that no Side Walks laid with Bricks or flagging in any Street in this City be taken up for the purpose of digging out any Lot or Cellar without the permission of the Alderman or Assistant of the Ward, or the Street Commissioner under the penalty of Twenty five dollars for each offence, which was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that Duane Street may be repaved from Broadway to Hudson Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

It was then moved that the Board proceed on the unfinished business of last meeting which was approved.

Alderman Cowdrey then proceeded to read the remainder of the Report of the Law Committee.

[261] The Committee on Laws to whom were referred their Report presented to the Common Council on the 11th of May last, on the subject of Interments, and also a resolution proposed by Alderman Ireland on the same day, on the same subject, and the accompanying documents, with instructions to express an opinion upon the matters so referred to them, and that they make an amended report at the (then) next meeting of the Common Council.

Report

That the Ordinance respecting the interment of the dead, was passed on the 31st of March 1823, after several modifications of the plan as originally reported, and after much discussion and deliberation

upon the principles on which it is founded, and the provisions which it contains. The Committee to whom the subject had been referred, consisting of the then and now Recorder, Alderman Mead, Alderman Wyckoff, and Alderman Ireland, and Assistant Thorne, reported in the first instance the draft of an Ordinance consisting of four distinct provisions. the first prohibiting the use of Graves, the second prohibiting the use of Vaults, excepting family Vaults, the third prohibiting the construction of any additional Vaults to the South of Grand Street, and the fourth prescribing certain regulations as to the opening & use of Vaults. This report was for some reason, referred back to that Committee, who on a reexamination [262] of it struck out the second section altogeather, And reported it to the Board thus altered—Upon the coming in of this Report, one of the present Committee, believing that to omit the second section, would be to legislate only against a fraction of the evil arising from interments after passing of the first section moved for the reading and passing of the second section as originally reported—On this motion being made another was brought forward by another member to strick out from the second section the privilege of using private Vaults—On the consideration of this amendment, a very interesting and trying debate ensued, respecting the nature and extent of the claimes of the owners of private or family Vaults and the difficulty of allowing to them the exclusive privilege contemplated in the second section. The exception in favour of private owners, was on full consideration stricken out and the section passed as thus amended—And as in consequence of this the provision of the third and fourth section became useless they were stricken out

The Committee deem it proper to call the attention of the Common Counsel to the important fact that this ordinance was passed after the melancholy and deplorable effects [263] experienced by our Citizens from a visitation of Yellow Fever in the Summer and fall of the year 1822—that this dreadful disease originated in the immediate vicinity of one of the oldest and largest burial places in our City, the Trinity Church Yard—and that much apprehension was felt by the inhabitants of danger from a like visitation from the same neighbourhood on account of the saturated state of that ground by human remains, and the obviously indiscreet and improper measure on the part of the Vestry of that Church in causing to be made several new and very large public Vaults in that same Church Yard and the Committee beg leave to add, that the Law authorising this ordinance of the Common Council now under consideration was passed by the Legis-

lature in the session of 1806 after the severe and lamentable effects of the Yellow fever, in the summer and fall of 1805 upon the application of the Board of Health and on their representation of the dangers arising from the practice of interments to the public health of this City.

The ordinance as amended having passed, went into operation and the committee having no hesitation in stating that it has met with the General assent and approbation of the community and that it received the public support as well on account of the necessity of guarding [264] against the cause of disease and death arising from Interments, as from the universality and freedom from all exception, of its provisions, as to the persons and families upon whom it was to operate. That it has met with this general approbation and support on the part of the people at large, of public writers, with few and unimportant exceptions and of the only Court of Justice before which it has been brought under discussion are matters of notority upon which the Committee need not dwell. That such a regulation must at some time be adopted is generally if not universally conceded. and your Committee take it to be a point equally clear and having the like general assent in its favour, that the practice of Interment with in the limits of the dense population of a city, is injurious to the public health otherwise why prohibit interments in graves which is done by the uanimous consent of all parties or why prohibit the construction of new Vaults in which respect there is a like unanimity or why prohibit the use of public Vaults which has the acknowledge[d] majority of opinion on its side or why indeed legislate at all upon the subject and against the practice of Interment as one among the system of measures necessary for internal precaution and safty unless in some form or other it has a bearing on [265] the infinitely interesting consideration of the public health There can in the opinion of the Committee be but one clear, candid, and unequivocal answer to this range of injury and that is that the practice of interring the dead within the thickly inhabited portion of our City, in all its branches, and in every form, is injurious to the living. if this be so, why procrastinate the remedy so obviously within the comprehension of the meanest capacity, and within the reach no less of the citizens than of the public authority? Our City is progressing in all the essential particulars that are to constitute its future greatness, and with that progress, a wise and prudent government ought to be studious to identify every measure of policy and foresight that can insure to ourselves the numerous emigrants that are seeking an abode and settlemen[t] among us, and to that posterity

whose dearest interest are confided to our hands the invaluable objectes of security to their health and lives against the ravages of pestilence or epidemic disease in any form no less than the enjoyments of civil and religious liberty and the other blessings of life

In support of the law relating to Interments your Committee will now beg leave to introduce first, such examples from the record of history and Secondly such authenticated facts and [*267] circumstances, as in their opinion are calculated to vind[i]cate and recommend it, and indeed to obviate every objection that can be raised against the provision

First. Among the Jews the general custom seems to have been that the dead should be buried without the city. The proofs of this are to be inferred from the instances of Abraham, who purchased at Hebron the cave of Machpelah which was in a field for a burying place, that in the emphatic language of the scripture he might bury his dead out of his sight and in which his wife, himself and Isaac and Jacob were afterwards buried, the body of Joseph was buried in a plot of ground in Shechem. Moses was buried in a valley in Moab. Eleazer was buried on a hill. And there are many other instances which are collected by Dr Rees in the Cyclopedia title burial where many also be found the proofs of a similar practice among the Egyptians the Persians, the inhabitance of Greece Sicily and Asia and to this day among the Chinese and many other nations. Among the Romans the practice of interment without the City prevailed it appears before the law of the Twelve Tables. And by that Law it was expressly enacted that no dead body should be buried or burned [267] within the city. And the practice continued among the Jews until the latter period of there existance as a nation, as appears from the fact that Lazarus was buried at Bethany a *a* distance from Jerusalem; that Joseph of Arimathea a man of high standing among the Jews had his tomb near Golgotha and which became the sepulcher of our Savour that at the crucifixion those who came to life returned to the city. And it is said of the demoniac of whom the evangelists spake, that having broken his chains he fled into the desert and dwelt among the tombs. The Greeks also observed the same practice. Solon adopted it among his regulation, and at Athens until the latter period of the republic there was only a Small number of persons interred within the walls. At Syracuse the tombs were without the walls for the burial of the inhabitants. In Gregory's Dictionary of arts, Vol. 1, burial, it is stated that the place of burial among the Jews was never

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

particularly determined. We find that they had graves in the town and country, upon the highways in gardens and upon mountains. Among the Greeks the temple was made repositories for the dead in the primitive ages; yet the General custom in the latter ages with them [268] as well as with the Romans and other heathan nations was to bury their dead without the Cities, and chiefly by the highways. Among the primitive Christians burying in cities was not allowed for the first 300 Years, nor in churches for many ages after; the dead bodies being first deposited in the atrium or church yard and porches or porticoes of the church hereditary burying places were forbidden till the twelfth century

The Law of the Twelve Tables of Rome has already been cited and is a faithful transcript from the original. It is to be found in the tenth Table of that venerable collection and is the first in that Table. In addition to that law that no dead body should be buried or burned within the city it is decreed by the twelfth Law of the same Table that no sepulchre shall be built or funeral pile raised within sixty feet of any house without the consent of the owner of the House—See Cooper's Justi*r*[n]ian 662, 663. This Law of the Twelve Table against interment in the City was enacted by the Decemviri in the year befor Christ 451 was incorporated in [269] the laws of the succeeding forms of government was exten*t*[d]ed and became in force over the whole empire, and continued until the time of Pope Gregory the 1st, or the great, which was A. D. 596, making a period of 1047 Years. The Christian Emperors in re-enacting this Law believed that burial was invented not for the sake of the Dead but of the living, and the text of the Law requiring that Interments should be without the city to preserve the sanctity (Sanctitatem) of the residence of the living, was altered so as to read, that they should be removed to preserve the health (Sanitatem) of the Citizens, that is lest the dead bodies should infect the City with pestiferious exhalations, or the noisomeness of the dead interfere with the health of the living. To this Law the exceptions were very few and rare. Vestals, Generals who had received the honors of a triumph, and Priests (as innovations began to take place,) were allowed to be buried within the City. Yet the Cesars, who after Augustus were honored with an apotheosis, were not allowed this distinction and were buried outside the walls of Rome—and accordingly Domitian was transported to the Latin Way, Septimus Severeus to the Appian, and another Emperor to the Lavinian. And it will [270] scarcely be contended by any class or portion of our Citizens, that any such exceptions as have been mentioned, ought to be

made among us nor can it be believed that they would be sanctioned by public opinion, in any law by what power soever it might be enacted. The Females of our Country however exemplary, our Generals however victorious or patriotic and our Clergymen however distinguished for their piety, cannot wish, nor can their best friends and admirers wish, that any distinction should await them like the privilege that was granted to the Vestals, the Generals, or the priests of Rome. How and when, and under what circumstances this Law came to be changed is thus accounted for by all distinguished writers, and particularly by Mr Justice Abney of the English Common Pleas of whom Sir Michael Foster says in his Essay upon the Crown Law, page 75, that "he was learned in his profession, and of great integrity." the extract now made is from the opinion of Justice Abney Willes's Reports 537. "Now it is most notorious and certain that all burials by the Roman Law were prohibited not only within the Temples, but even in Cities and large towns, and by the very words of the Law of the Twelve Tables. "Hominem mortuum intra urbem ne sepelite." and this prohibition was founded [271] on a prudent state policy to prevent infection from the great number of corrupt corpses lying contiguous in putrefaction; and it is well known that the poorer sorts in greater parts of the kingdom are buried in shrouds without coffins to this day."

But when Popery grew to its heighth, and blind Superstition had weakened and enervated the laity, and emboldened the Clergy to pillage the Laity, then in the time of Pope Gregory the 1st and soon after other canons were made, that Bishops, Abbots, Priests and faithful laymen were permitted the honour of burial in the Church itself, and all other parishioners in the Church Yard, on a pretense that their relations and friends on the frequent view of their Sepulchre would be moved to pray for the good of the departed souls.

"And as the parish Priest was by the Canon Law, sole judge of the merits of the Dead and the fitness of burial in the Church, and he would only determine who was a faithful layman, they only were judged faithful whose executor came up to the Price of the Priest, and they only were allowed burial in the church and the poorer sort were buried in the Church Yard." [272] To the account which Dr Rees gives of the innovation of Pope Gregory which agrees in substance with the above he adds, that Gregory's reasons was, in the monkish ages, used as an epitaph, and inscribed on the Sepulchres,

"Orate pro anima miserrimi peccatoris."

Pray for the soul of a most miserable sinner;

and that it was translated into the body of the cannon Law. And that to this Superstition, and the profit arising from it, we may ascribe the Original of church Yards. The practice of the Romish Church, as introduced by Gregory, was brought to England by Cuthbert Archbishop of Canterbury, about A. D. 750, and the practice of erecting vaults in chancels, and under alters was begun by Lanfra[n]c, Archbishop of canterbury, about A. D. 1075. And Dr Rees further states, that the primitive Christians did not allow of burials in cities for the first 300 Years, nor in churches until many years after.

From these historical relations, which are however by no means as extensive as the subject and the researches of your Committee would justify, it appears that the prohibition of the practice of Interment in cities, in those ancient nations, was general, and that in the language of the authors referred to by your committee, the exceptions were both 'few and rare,' until the abuse became general through the influence of Pope Gregory.

[273] Your Committee will now draw the attention of the Common Council, to three prominent and striking instances of the prohibition of the practice of Interments, in the City of Toulouse, by the Archbishop of that diocess—In Paris, by the Parliament of that City—and finally in all the Cities and Towns of France, by the decree of Louis XV. From the Ordinance of the Archbishop of Toulouse, passed shortly before the commencement of our revoluntionary war, your Committee present the following literal extracts. "Believe not, dearly beloved brethren, that our solicitude and anxious care for the public health, is the only motive that induces us to break silence.

"To the instinct of self-preservation, which calls loudly for a reformation of the present system of burial, we may add the commands of God, which directs us to be careful of our Lives, that we may serve him and prepare for a happy eternity, and the orders of the church, which have always a reprobated as a profanation, the general admission of the dead within consecrated Walls and in places held sacred. May our subsequent details and remarks enlighten your piety without enfeebling it, and without impairing the respect due to the memory of the dead confound that inconsistent vanity, which follows them even to the grave

[274] "These principles naturally lead us to ascertain what place, then, should be appropriated to the disposal of our departed brethen, the custom of praying for them probably induced the early Christians to deposit them near each other in the same ground. this was the origin of Cemeteries. St Ch[r]ysostom informs us, that Cemeteries

were not permitted in Cities because the presence or vicinity of the dead would not only contaminate pure air, but incommode the inhabitants by the stench they would occasion. Nullum in civitate sepulchrum struitur. If such is the privellege of cities, how evident is it, that a Church has a right to exclude interments from within her walls.

" In the Council of Prague burials in Churches were forbidden and the house of God was decreed to be open only to the relics of Saints & Martyrs. Constantine himself, to whom the Church was so much indebted and so grateful, asked no higher favor than to be buried— under the Portico of the Church of the Holy Apostles.

" Such," he remarks, " was the primitive discipline in relation to interments;" and he adds. (and in presenting what follows of [275] the sentence, the Committee cannot but ask the Common Council to observe and admire the foresight and caution of this learned prelate) " What is more interesting in this statement, dearly beloved brethren, is, that legitimate exceptions have been made as precedents for its infringments, for true it is, that the slightest compromise of a Law leads finally to its distruction, or total violation.

" If inhumation around churches is to be allowed, can Cities be perfectly salubrious? If laymen and Priests distinguished for piety, are to be buried in them, who shall judge of their Piety or who presume to refuse their Testimony? If the quality of founder or of benefactor is a title, what rate shall fix the privelege? If the right is hereditary, must not time multiply the evil to excess, and will not our Churches at length be crowded, as now, beyond endurance? If distinctions are to be procured for mony, will not vanity lavish riches to procure them? we are disposed to show all possible moderation in this necessary reform, but wo[e] to us, if blinded by weakness, we lose sight of the experience of past Ages and suffer [276] things still to continue, that have till now served, and can only serve, to perpetuate—this disorder. The civil Law could not but agree on this point with our religious canons, because the preservation of the lives of the community is a duty of the first magnitude, and it suffices to enter our churches, to be convinced of the baneful effects of the fœtid exhalations in them."

After illustrating the folly, as well as danger, of the practice against which the Ordinance is pointed, in a variety of ways, and remarking in a most decided and at the same time, affectionate manner, that " exceptions are odious, and multiply pretences and objections— that none will dare to complain when the Law is general—and that no Law can more justly be general than one that relates to the grave," he thus addresses his brethren: " Ye whom the vows of the cloister

have united under the Yoke of the Lord! will you object to the retrenchment of your funds that this Ordinance must produce. no for you wish not to support existence at the expense of the lives of others.

"You yourselves would blame us if rather than deprive you of a sourse of revenue. we were to authorise your chapples to continue, or [277] to become centres of infection and death." He then observes—"We have investigated and examined the requests of our venerable chapters, the petitions from various parts of our diocess, the Proces Verbaux of the inspection of many parishes, and, finally the reports and opinions of Physicians on the pernicious consequences of this custom and therefore have enacted," &c.

Then follow the provisions of the Ordinance against interment in the City of Toulouse, which were sanctioned the following Year by the parliment of France, and the King; and this prelate was shortly after wards made Cardinal by Pope Pius VI.

In the preamble to the decree of the parliment of Paris, it is asserted "that daily complaints are made on the infectious effects of the parish cemeteries, especially when the heats of summer have increased the exhalations; then the air is so corrupted that provisions will only keep for a few hours in the neighboring houses, which proceeds either from the soil being so completely saturated, that it cannot retain or absorb any longer the putrescent dissolution, or from the too circumscribed extent of the ground for [278] the number of the dead annually interred."

In this decree, Your Committee would remark there was an exception; that for the sum of 2000 Livers, a body might be consigned to a family vault in a church, if the Coffins were of lead; and high ecclesiastics might have their burial in the same manner.

It was thought that the great and populous capital of France, would, by this decree, be sufficiently protected against the dangers of cemeteries and vaults.

But soon afterwards, in 1774, a further decree became necessary, which recites—"that reasons exist against the reopening of vaults the fatal consequences of which demand a general law to be put in force against all interments in Churches whatsoever. This court will reinstate the ancient discipline of the church, and give a new sanction to the rescripts of those sovreigns, who maintained it by their authority. The Temples will then resume the decency and order of appearance which they cannot display while the opening of vaults is permitted; they will also be freed from the fœtid smells. which renders the air in them insalubrious, and which are perhaps, the principal

cause of the distressing epidemics that have appeared in the provinces.

[279] "Medical men assure us, that the vapours, exhaling from putrefaction, fill the air with chemical compounds dangerous to health, and productive of malignant diseases.

"We know that this decree is against the wishes of a certain class, who found claims upon a possession in itself an abuse; or upon titles accquired by means of a small sum. which they imagine entail an hereditary right to burial within a Church; as if possession were a right superior to justice, or that a prescriptive indulgence should be continued in despite of its injury to the public good; or that a certain sum of money were an equivalent for the health and lives of their fellow Citizens."

The king took a still more active part, soon after, by a royal declaration, which recites that, "the Archbishops. Bishops and other ecclesiastics, in council assembled last year, in our good city of Paris have represented to us that, for many years, complaints have been made to them from different parts of their respective diocess, on the frequent inhumations in churches, and also on the actual situation of the cemeteries which are too near the said churches. and might be placed more advantageously. [280] if removed to a distance from cities, towns, and Villages in the several provinces of our Kingdom. We have given these representations more attention, because informed that our magistrates are convinced of the necessity of a reform in this part of the public police, and have long desired suitable Laws, in union with the rules of the church, to provide for the purity of the air, without infringing, if possible upon the rights of Archbishops, Bishops, Curates, Pastors, Lords, Founders, &c. in the churches of our kingdom: these wishes having reached us, we think it unnecessary to defer any longer making known our intentions, and we are persuaded that our subjects will receive with gratitude a regulation dictated by our zeal for their preservation.

The articles which then follow, prohibit grave yards in cities or towns, of which the Archbishop of Toulouse had already given an example in his diocess, and they permit no interment in churches chapels, or cloisters, but for such persons as have been already mentioned: and ordain besides, that even these shall not be interred except under vaults covering a space of 72 square feet built of [281] stone, and flagged; the bodies to be placed six feet deep in the earth under the lower pavement of the vault.

Your Committee beg leave to introduce the following extracts from the "Dictionaire des Sciences Medicales," a work edited and con-

ducted by a Society of Physicians and Surgeons, printed in Paris in 1818, as confirmatory of some of the foregoing statements, and at least as having a connexion with the subject of this Report in general:

"All nations have perceived the necessity of giving sepulture to the dead either to avoid the sight of a dreadful spectacle, to preserve the body from the voracity of furious beasts, or in fine, to prevent those dreadful maladies, which the putrefaction of a dead body infallibly produces when left without any precautions among the living— Iuhumation Vol. VI—p. 156.

It is at this day well known, and has been satisfactorily demonstrated, that burials in cities greatly endanger the public health: that the miasmata disengaged from burial places may and often have [282] caused frightful catastrophies, and that they not only give more virulence to prevailing maladies but also originate contagious diseases, whose ravages has been terrible.

"Since the year 1776 all interments in cities and churches have been forbidden (in France) and that important measure of Police has been observed with so much rigour, that in 1810 an Archbishop of Aix solicited in vain from government the favour of being buried in his own Cathedral church.

"We hope that prudent severity will never be relaxed one exception would speedily restore the former abuses" Vol VI. page 191.

Upon the situation of grave Yards

"There must necessarily be a great many cemeteries for a large city; they should be situated as far as localities will permit on an elevated place, at a considerable distance from the city, and to the north of the dwelling houses—so that the South winds should not pass over them, after being charged with emanations from the grave yards.

[283] "The Tombs of the Chinese are erected out of their cities and almost always upon hills covered with Pines and Cypress. One sees at the distance of a league. little villages, hamlets scattered houses surrounded with trees eminences surrounded by walls generally in the form of a horse shoe—those are so many cemeteries. The poor cover the coffin with earth about six or seven feet high in the form of a pyramid—the great construct vaults to enclose the coffin, and raise over it a mound of earth in the form of a Bonnett about twelve feet high and eight or ten in breadth, and plastered over with mortar to resist the action of the rains"

Your Committee will only add, under this head, that in Denmark, Venice, Constantinople, Prague, Vienna, and in many other places in

Continental Europe, in Lima in South America in Port au Prince in the Island of Ceylon in Greenland among the Hottentots and also among the Indians in North America, as they are informed, the practice of interment in cities and in the neighborhood of their villages [284] is prohibited.

That in Dublin the same prohibition exists, and was enacted in or about 1740, after a pestilential fever in that year, and the place of Interment for the Inhabitants is in the neighbourhood of the river Liffey, at a distance from the City.

That in 1814, the commissioners of improvements reported to Parliament that S[t] Margarets Church Yard in Westminster could not with safety to the public Health, be used any longer for burying.

That in Liverpool which has a population but a little exceeding that of New York, a new cemetery called the "Low Hill General Cemetery," has been recently established by a number of persons of various religious faith and persuasions, with a view of altering the custom that has hitherto prevailed of intering the dead amidst a dense population.

That it is said by Lord Stowell in his Judgment in the Iron Coffin case, that "the church Yards in London cannot be made commensurate to the demands of a large and increasing Population. The period of decay and dissolution, does not arrive fast enough in the accustomed mode of depositing bodies in the earth, to evacuate the ground for suceeding claimants."

[285] And in other publications it is said, that a number of individuals have projected a scheme for construction [of] a receptacle of the dead, on a large scale in the vicinity of London, and to give it the name of Necropolis, or "city of the dead."

Your Committee will here introduce a Note from Prestons description of S[t] Paul's Church in London.

"In 1707 Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of S[t] Pauls Cathedrals, in a Letter addressed to a joint commissioner with himself for building fifty churches in adition to others already built, to supply the place of those destroyed by the conflagration in 1666, observes—: "I could wish that all burials in Churches should be disallowed which is not only unwholesome, but the pavements can never be kept even, nor pews upwright; and if the Church Yard is close about the church this also, is inconvenient. It will be enquired—where then shall be the burials? I answer, in cemeteries seated in the outskirts of the town."

In other publications the celebrated burial ground of the Pere La Chaise near Paris is thus described. "It is a spot just without the walls, [286] where the ashes of Jews and Christian, Catholic and

Protestant, repose in Charitable vicinity. The ground is laid out with taste and elegance, diversified in position beautified with Shrubs and flowers, and appropriately adorned with monuments, some interesting from their historical recolections, some touching from the simplicity and tenderness of their inscriptions, al neat, decent, and appropriate to the Solemnity of the scene."

In connexion with this historical branch of the subject, the Committee beg leave here to introduce some few instances of similar regulations in our own country, for separating according to the courses of nature, and dividing the confines of the living & the dead.

Of the Cemetery at New haven, the late Rev^{d} D^{r} Dwight thus writes:

The Original settlers of New Haven, buried their dead in a Church Yard. There Church was erected on the Green or Public Square; and the yard laid out immediately behind it, while the Romish apprehension concerning consecrated burial places and the advantages supposed at the resurrection to attend those who are interred in them remained this location of burial grounds, seems to have been not unnatural.

[287] "But since this apprehension has been perceived by common sense, to be groundless and rediculous the impropriety of such a location forces itself upon every mind.

"It is always desireable that a burial ground should be a solemn object to man; because in this manner it easily becomes a source of useful instruction and desireable impressions.

"But when placed in the centre of a town, in the current of daily intercourse, it is rendered too familiar to the eye, to have any beneficial effect on the heart.

"From its proper, venerable character, it is degraded into a mere common object; and speedily loses all its connection with the invisible world, in a gross and vulgar union with the ordinary business of life." The distinguished writer after noticing the other disadvantages of this Ground describes the new ground which is at a distance from the city, in a minute and lucid manner, and remarks that, "it is incomparably more solemn and impressive than any spot of the same kind within my knowledge; and, if I am to credit the declarations of others, within theirs.

[288] "An exquisite taste for propriety, is discovered in every thing belonging to it; exhibiting a regard for the dead, reverential but not ostentatious, and fitted to influence the views and feelings of succeeding generations.

"At the same time, it precludes the use of vaults, by taking away every inducement to build them.

"Those melancholy and disgusting mansions seem not to have been dictated by nature; and are certainly not approved by good sense. Their salubrity is questionable; and the impression left by them on the mind transcends the bounds of mourning and sorrow, and borders at least on loathing."

After some further remarks Doctor Dwight concludes by remarking, that as he believes, "the completion of this cemetery will extensively diffuse a new sense of propriety in disposing of the remains of the deceased."

Your committee will only detain the board with two or three more instances in our own country.

The one is the city of Albany the seat of government of our state, in which interments have for several years, been directed to be at a distance from the dense population. Another is in the city of Washington, the [289] capital of our country. with regard to which a writer in the "national Journal" of the 17 May last, thus speaks, "our burying grounds lie at some distance from the city, yet they bear testimony of the frequent visits which are made to them, by affectionate survivors, in the flowers which are to be oftentimes seen scattered over the silent mansions of the dead, and the solitary Rose tree, casting its fragrant and beautiful blossoms on the turf, an annual tribute to the memory of those who rest beneath." And the Town of Brooklyn, in Kings County, lying in a view of our city, in consequence of our example, has recently purchased a small farm on the east side of the Wallabout, and apportioned part of the same among the different religious denominations, worshipping in that town, and also a public burying place, and have entirely ceased interring in the Potters Field with the bounds of the village.

In the conclusion of this branch of their Report, your Committee must be permitted to reiterate a remark already made, that the prohibition of the practice of interment in cities, as far as the researches of your Committee have extended, has been General, and has been proposed, and acted [290] upon as one entire branch or system, with out any such discrimination, as is now claimed by some of our citizens, and that from the scope and current of sacred and profane history, and from a fair examination of facts depending upon historical evidence, any exception will be found to be unsupported, and altogether without any authority.

Second. In entering upon the remaining branch of their inquiries,

namely that which relates to safety or injurious nature of the practice in question, your Committee are at some loss to determine how to select the proper facts and circumstances, from the mass that is before them, and how to arrange them in due and proper order, from a want of professional skill, in this department of knowledge. They will however give the fair result of their inquiries, in the best manner in their power; and will esteem themselves fortunate, if in place of this qualification, they shall be enabled to substitute plain good sense, as the basis of their classification and of the conclusion they may draw.

Is the putrefaction of animal matter the cause of disease, is it injurious to the public health, or does it [in] any manner tend to the shortening of human life? to this interesting inquiry, let us bring our [291] candid attention, and in the face of this reflecting and intelligent community, let us give such an answer as will satisfy the calls of conscience, and contribute to our own individual safety, and that of the countless generations that are to follow us. The City of New York occupies at this moment an interesting position—may this Common Council, as her representatives, be true and faithful to the high and solemn duties that are imposed on them in the conjuncture!

Putrefaction of animal substances, has been defined to be the decomposition or derangement of their constituent parts. Its effects are sufficiently obvious to sense; but the rationale of the process is involved in considerable obscurity.

The effects however are what principally concern mankind at large.

Doctor Rees in his Cyclopedia, under the head of putrefaction, says, "the most remarkable changes produced upon a body by putrefaction are upon its colour, smell and taste. Flesh beginning to putrefy, is well known to exhale very soon after, a penetrating fetid smell, its color becomes pale, [292] then blue, afterwards livid and black, and its taste nauseous. As the putrefaction advances, the smell becomes more and more fetid, and it also acquires great pungency, by the disengagement of a large quantity of volatile alkali. Solid bodies whilst they are putrifying swell, become soft, lose the cohesion of their parts, and are lastly reduced to a very disagreeable putrid pulpy mass; the fluids become turbid; the effluvia loathsome and sickening; and after a time a putrid gas is disengaged in a slow but sensible effervescence. A foul and brown serum then sweats out from the pulpy mass, and about this time the effluvia is very sensibly ammoniacal, which is indicated by its effects on the eyes and throat, for some time a large part of the putrid substance is evaporated and carried of[f] in the putrid gas,

and dispersed in the atmosphere, after which the extreme fettor subsides, and finally the process subsides, and leaves a kind of fat fetid, earthy matter.

"The gases or some of them must be considerably changed by the solution of the animal matter, or some compound but not yet examined, must be produced, when the gas evvolved occasions such dreadful [293] effects upon those who have the misfortune to fall in the way of it, even when diluted considerably with common air.

"This is said to be the case when the abdomen of a large animal is first burst, after putrefaction; the gas from which causes instant fainting, and sometimes death, and even when the person exposed to it receives the first shock, it leaves excessive debility, and other alarming symptoms for some considerable time.

"As to the cause and process of putrefaction it has been generally believed that the contact of atmospherical air is necessary for this purpose, and the bodies become putrid, because air communicates somewhat to them. But on this point the learned disagree for it is said by others, that putrefaction is accelerated by taking off the pressure of the atmosphere, and that the putrefaction of meat and other substances advances quicker in a confined, than free air; for as the most putrid parts are most fugitive, they incessantly issue from a corruptible substance, and disperse with the wind, but in a stagnation of air, they remain about the body, and excite its corruption. Air of various kinds is produced [294] by putrefaction."

Doctor Rees under the same head continues: "We shall here subjoin some observations with respect to the decomposition of animal bodies that are interred in burying grounds, in this situation the decomposition is sometimes as slow as when the putrifying animal is exposed to the air. It is not perfectly ended, till three years after the body has been interred, at the depth of four feet, and it is slower in proportion as the body is buried at a greater depth.

"The several principles of body are dispersed through a great space imbibed by the roots of vegetables and gradually decomposed.

"This is what passes in burying grounds in the open air; but it is very far from being applicable to the sepulchres, which are made in churches and covered places. Here is neither water nor vegetation, and consequently no cause which can carry away, dissolve or change the nature of the animal fluids; and we cannot but applause the wisdom of government which has prohibited *in* burying in churches, a practice which was once a subject of horror and infection.

[295] "The accidents which have happened at the opening of

graves and vaults, are but too numerous to render an apology necessary for our speaking a few words respecting the method of preventing them.

"The depth of the grave ought to be such that the external air cannot penetrate it. A grave ought not to be opened before the complete decomposition of the body.

"The pernicious custom which allows a single grave to families, more or less numerous, ought therefore to be suppressed, for in this case, the same grave may be opened before the time prescribed.

"These are abuses which ought to occupy the attention of government; and it is time that the vanity of individuals should be sacrificed to the public safety.

"And it is likewise necessary to prohibit burying in vaults, as thereby the principles of the bodies are spread into the air and infect it.

"If," continues the author, "these precautions be neglected, unhappy accidents will no doubt be produced, and these accidents are but too common in great towns where [296] every wise precaution is neglected. An instance of this happened when the ground of the Church of S^{t} Benoit, at Paris was dug up a few years ago. A nauseous vapour was emitted and several of the neighbours were effected by it, the earth which was taken out was unctuous, viscid, and emitted an infectious smell."

In Dr Gregory's Dictionary of Arts, title "Putrefaction," Your Committee find it stated as follows: "In putrefaction, the abdomen is gradually dilated with elastic fluids, and at last it bursts and discharges a horribly fetid and noxious gas; at the same time a dark colored liquid flows out."

In introducing the quotation now to be noticed, your committee would do injustice to their own feelings, and to those of their fellow citizens at large, if they should suppress the remark, with the regard to its distinguished and lamented author, that he was the ornament of his profession and his country; that in life, he deserved the esteem and respect of the wise and good, and that his memory is cherished by all who knew or have heard of him, with unqualified affection and veneration.

[297] D^{r} Edward Miller, as is well remembered, was, for several years the resident Physician of this City. In 1806, he published, in the form of a Letter addressed to his Excellency Morgan Lewis, then Governor of this State, a report of the malignant fever, which prevailed in this City, in the summer and autumn preceeding. This report

was soon after its appearance, reprinted in Great Britain, and translated and published, with distinguished approbation, in the French, German and Spanish languages.

In the conclusion of this most able medical paper, in treating of the origin of this terrible calamity, Dr Miller remarks that "the source of this disease forms a most interesting subject of inquiry; and after a long and careful investigation of the subject, I cannot hesitate to conclude, that a pernicious exhalation or vapour, floating in the atmosphere, is the primary and essential cause of this disease. To produce this vapour there must be a concurrence of heat, moisture and a quantity of decaying animal and vegetable matter. It is therefore exhaled, by heat, from low and moist [298] grounds overspread with the corrupting offals of animal and vegetable substances—from such substances collected in large masses—or from any place where the process of putrefaction is going on to considerable extent."

Dr. Miller was not more assiduous in discovering and pointing out the causes of this dreadful malady, in the investigation of which, his active and polished mind has left behind him the most lasting testimonials of his learning, public spirit, and devotion to the cause of truth, than he was in suggesting what he deemed advisable towards the removal of nuisances, and the improvement of the salubrity of the City. This he had done in his Letter to His Excellency Governor Clinton after the epidemic in 1803. He accordingly confines his attention, in this Letter, to a few of the most prominent and obvious sources of improvement, among which he enumerates the following as of the most urgent and immediate necessity, to Wit: "Water obtained from a distant source, of pure quality, and in quantity sufficient to allow a constant, plentiful, and increasing expenditure; Sewers, of such number capacity, and construction, as completely to drain all the low and marshy districts, to carry [299] away all filth, and to be constantly washed by a brisk current of water; a new arrangement and construction of Wharves, Docks, &c., so as to face the margin of the two rivers with a stone quay, impervious to water; a prohibition to make a single foot of artificial ground; a different modification of privies, which are every day becoming more and more an alarming nuisance; a better plan of paving, particularly as respects the construction of Gutters, &c.; the draining of all stagnant Waters in the town and neighbourhood; the filling up all low lots and places, and a prohibition to inter dead bodies in any part of the City."

In another medical paper of this accomplished physician, made public since his death, speaking of the putrefaction of the human body,

he says—"In this process the flesh absorbs moisture, and while one part of it escapes in pestilential exhalations the remaining parts falls down into a putrid liquid mass:" thus agreeing with the evidence, before given, from the most approved sources.

After the epidemic fever, which prevailed in this city in the Summer and fall of 1795, Dr Richard Bayley, [300] afterwards Health Officer, published an account of its ravages. Annexed to the publication is a physical inquiry into the origin and causes of pestilential fevers, addressed to the Honorable Richard Varick Esq[r] then Mayor of this City, by an Author whose name is not given, but from which under the above circumstances. Your Committee submit the following extract.

"The warmth of the earth is what causes all vegetable and animal substances, deposited therein, to putrefy, in consequence, the Water issuing from such contaminated earth, must also become impure, defiled and unwholsome—but man, living constantly in that impure air, and drinking such water, become inured thereto in some measure. Yet it may be the occassion of his earlier death, by other means than pestilence, though the actual cause is from the same source."

In this extract if there is not much learning, there is, in the opinion of your Committee, much good sense—since, as is said by others, "The qualities of the atmosphere depend upon a prodigous number of causes, which render it more or less pure, or the reverse."

[301] From the best authors your Committee have been able to consult, and the observations and facts they have collected, it appears satisfactorily in general, that the air, *with* charged with putrid emanations, becomes necessarily noxious, and that diseases of the most dreadfull kind are frequently the consequences; and that among the causes of these putrid emanations, there is none more productive, or appalling than the remains of dead bodies.

Your Committee had intended to proceed with a specefied enumeration of particular instances under this head, with which medical books and experience have furnished them. But they must content themselves with referring the Common Council and recommending their attention to an essay on the danger of interment in Cities, by Scipion Piattoli of Italy, translated by Vicy D'Azyr, a physician of eminence into the French Language and into the English language in the year 1822, at the request of the Board of Health, and which your Committee consider as a most valuable publication, from the attention they have paid, to it, as well as from the commendations it has received in the "Dictionaire Des Sciences Medicales" before referred to in which it is spoken of "as an excellent work"

[302] Your Committee will now call the attention of this Board to three publications in our own country, which may awaken our sensibilities and painfull recollections—but the cause of truth and justice requires, that the records of the past should be looked into, and examined with anxious attention, when such a cause is at stake as the public Health.

The first is an extract from a work entitled "considerations on the unhealthy condition of the City of New Orleans," By Dr M Picornel, published in that city, and also in Paris in 1823, "Another source of disease (says the author) in that city deserves the greatest attention; it is a Grave Yard, now adjoining it, and much too small for its population, considering how greatly it contributes to the distressing Mortality of its inhabitants.

"Let us discharge towards all our parents, friends and fellow citizens, all possible testimonies of respect that are commanded by nature and religion; but let us also guard their Survivors against the terrible and immediate effects that must arise from animal putrid bodies exposed to the influence of heat and moisture.

[303] "All the World acknowledges it to be demonstrated, that the miasmata arising from places of interment, may cause and have caused the most distressing calamities. They not only give more intensity to the existing epedemics, but they bring forth other contagious discases, which are equally calamatous."

The next piece of Testimony, which your committee have discovered in the course of their enquiries, and which they do not hesitate to put forward as one of great weight and authority, is "an enquiry into and observations upon, the causes of the epedemic disease which raged in Phileadelphia" in the summer and fall of 1793, by Jean Deveze, then surgeon and Physician of the Military Hospital, established by the French Republic at Phileadelphia, and now one of the Physicians to the King of France.

At Page 38 of his Book he says, "among the particular causes (of the disease referred to,) we may reckon burying grounds, in the midst of the City. Those places of interment are injurious from the vapours which exhale from them, and corrupt the atmosphere; and also by the miasmata which the rain water carries with it as it filters [304] through the earth and passes into wells. This water used by the whole City must be pernicious, and should be particularly attended to, if in the end those dangers are to be avoided, which result from it." At page 136 and onward he observes "there is another cause, which in my opinion, acts infinitely more on the animal economy, (than other causes

he had been describing,) the prodigous number of burial places in the heart of the city. The Vapours continually attracted from those sources of Corruption by the sun, infect the air, whilst the rain penetrating, washes in the graves the putrid remains of the bodies, and carries with it into the wells detached, infected particles, from which it could not be disengaged by filtration, in the short space it has to go.

"After this remark, (he continues,) which I can only think of with pain, may not an individual say, before he drinks a glass of water, 'I am about to feed upon a being like myself, to swallow particles from dead bodies, and perhaps those once dear to me, and whom I still regret,' Independent of other inconveniences from burial places from the City, this reflection, alone, is surely sufficient to determine upon following the example of almost all the cities of Europe, where, I repeat [305] experience has induced them to banish such places, as they are capable of injuring the healthiest Constitution and affecting them with the most fatal diseases." And in a note at page 136, he says, "the voice of an enlightened body of men has induced the French Nation to banish burial grounds from their cities, Many persons here, pretend they could not at all affect the salubrity of the city, and advanced as a proof, the disease not being so frequent near those receptacles of the dead, as in other places. If this assertion were true, it could not confute my opinion; however, I do not pretend to say, the cause of the epedemic proceeded from the burial grounds alone, but I declare and maintain the putrid miasmata, which continually exhale, (however deep the grave might be) being mixed with miasmata proceeding from other causes, must render the city less healthy, and corrupt the air through which it passes; this air thus charged with vapours, might be spread abroad, and effect persons at a distance, whilst those near the cemeteries escaped from not having come into immediate contact with the air.

"To give full explanation of this assertion, is foreign to my purpose; those already acquainted with the nature and properties of air, will not fail to add to, and feel the force of my reasoning."

The next piece of documentary evidence on this subject, and which is entitled, in the opinion [306] of your Committee to the highest consideration, is the "Report of the Committee appointed by the medical society of the State of New York, to inquire into the symptoms, Origin, Cause, and prevention of the pestilential disease, that prevailed in New York, during the Summer and Autumn of 1798."

From this your Committee have made, and submit the following extracts:

"Medical Society, 15th November, 1798

Resolved that a Committee of three members be appointed by ballot to inquire into the Origin, causes and prevention of the late epedemic; and report to the Society in Writing the result of such enquiry. And that Doctors Tillary Rodgers & Mitchell be a Committee for the above purpose."

Medical Society December 31st 1798,

"Resolved—That the Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the Origin and prevention of the late epedemic, be received, and that the same be printed at the expence of the Society.

John Onderdonk.
Secretary

Extract from the Report above referred to

"The daily accumulation of dead bodies in burial grounds, within the City, we are fully persuaded, is another source of noxious vapours. We know [307] too, that it is touching upon a subject where the affections and the predjudices of mankind are extremely interested. The Committee, however, think from the natural consideration of duty and conviction, and supported by the history of other countries, which have severely suffered by the folly of allowing sepulture within the city that this practice ought to be ranked as no trifling agent in the production of disease."

In the subsequent part of their report, they enumerate under distinct heads, the necessary rules for preventing the disease, relating to sewers, docks, slips, sinks, burying grounds, Cellars &c. The entire article of burying grounds your Committee will transcribe.

"Burying Grounds.

"These caverns of putrefying mortality, should no longer be permitted to remain within the City—but removed as soon as possible to a suitable distance from it. In the opinion of the Committee, this relict of long indulged superstition, within the limits of the City, should be disused and absolutely forbidden by Law, and a severe penalty incurred for every violation of it."

And they conclude the Report as follows: "Upon the whole, the Committee cannot help indulging the hope, that by this feeble attempt they may be at least so fortunate as to set [308] their fellow Citizens on thinking and by that means lay *la* good foundation for working.

And they intreat the magistracy and the people to be up and stirring for they may be assured that the evil is not dead—but sleepeth."

Annexed to this report, is a copious extract from the Essay of Mr Piattoli. and of the Vicy. D'Azyr, before mentioned, from which your Committee extract as follows:

"At Saulieu in Burgundy, there prevailed a Catarrhal epedemic fever of a mild type; and there had been buried in the parish church of St Saturninus, the carcass of a gross and corpulent man. Three and twenty days afterwards, a hole was made alongside of that wherein he had been buried, to inter a woman who had died in childbed of the prevailing distemper. From the moment the ground was opened, a very fetid exhalation filled the church, and was perceptible by all who entered it. In letting down the carcass of the woman, the coffin was shaken by the slipping of the rope, and a quantity of corrupted matter ran out, and affected the assistants. Out of One Hundred and seventy persons who entered the church, 149 were attacked with a putrid malignant fever which had some characters of the prevailing cattarrh, though the nature and violence of the symptoms, left no room to doubt that its peculiar malignity was [309] derived from the infection of the Church.

"It is well worthy of remark, that the wisest princes and prelates, have uniformly opposed interment in cities and Churches—but superstition has always risen up in opposition to their Laws, and but too frequently prevented their execution. On this point, the people have shown themselves peculiarly prone to transgress, and therefore it becomes a Legislature to provide aaginst the repetition of similar offences by energetic and decisive measures."

In closing the result of their inquiries on the sad effects of epedemic pestilence in our beloved city, Your Committee cannot suppress their earnest hope and prayer, that it may never appear again with its terrifying and desolating train, breaking down the tranquility, and disturbing the repose and happiness of our Citizens—and levelling with irresistible potency the pride of human strength and the fairest hopes of Society.

Your Committee will now examine the claims of the Petitioners, to exemption from the operation of the Law, relating to Interments. These are urged upon three principal grounds 1st of private right, 2nd of the personal gratification it will afford the Petitioners and their families, and 3d of Medical opinions, that no danger will be the consequence.

[310] First, as to the ground of private right—what is the extent

of this claim, and how far will it reach, if the principle on which it rests, be allowed? It is now proposed to extend the exemption to individual owners strictly and to them only. But allow that, and will it not follow that two, three or more families may unite in the purchase and ownership of a vault? Suppose the case, which is but one of frequent occurrence, that the head of a family dies leaving several children, each having a family. Is it not plain that all these will have a right by descent to the family vault? And does it not follow that in these and other methods, the right in question may lead to inconvenience and public injury without the slightest wish or intention of the parties to commit an abuse, by colour of the right? And again, the Committee will not suppose, but state the case known to exist, of churches having public vaults only—and the case of churches to which there are attached both public and private vaults. In the first case, is not the claim of private right as well founded in point of moral justice and legal principles, as to those vaults, as it is in the case of individual ownership? If one man owns a house it is private property. And what is the difference, as to the nature and quality of the estate, if the number of owners of another house, be fifty or One [311] hundred? The Tontine Coffee House is as much private property as the City Hotel, though the former belongs to many, the latter only to one. And this reasoning is equally applicable to the second case put, of a church having vaults of both descriptions; and in the latter case, the claims of the Church member, but who is not a vault owner, are equally to be respected. And is it not to be concealed either, that in making the desired discrimination, the Common Council would perform the invidious and painful task of driving one class of citizens and church members from the use of a privelege that is as precious to them, as the same privelege is to their fellow citizens, and brethren as church members, and who are under the more favorable circumstances, of being vault owners.

And in answer to this claim in all the lights in which it has been, or can be placed, your Committee concieve that a very obvious and conclusive one is to be found in the principle of the common Law, "sic utere tuo, ut alienum non lædas" So use your own property as not to injure that of another, and in that of the divine law of the Redeemer, which says, "whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them for this is the Law and the prophets." In applying these principles. we have only to [312] ask this natural question, whether the good inhabitants of our City, who own vaults ought to wish to incommode those who reside in those

vicinities any more, than they would wish to be incommoded themselves, if they resided there, and others were the worshippers and vault owners? And your Committee will subjoin the following clear, explicate extract from a writer, whose authority is not the less, because it is common, and in the hands of every student of the Law. The entire section is as follows:

"Political power or civil Liberty, which is that of a member of society, is no other than natural liberty so far restrained by human laws (and not farther) as is necessary and expedient for the general advantage of the public. Hence we may collect that the Law, which restrains a man from doing mischief to his fellow citizens, though it diminishes the natural, increases the civil liberty of mankind, but that every wanton and causeless restraint of the will of the subject, whether practised by a monarch, a nobility, or popular Assembly; is a degree of Tyranny; nay; that even laws themselves whether made with or without our consent, if they regulate or constrain our conduct in matters of mere indifference, without any good end in view, are regulations destructive of liberty; Whereas if any public advantage can arise from observing such [313] precepts the control of our private inclinations, in one or two particular points, will conduce to preserve our general Freedom in others of more importance, by supporting the state of Society, which alone can secure our independence."—Blackstones Com. Vol. i. p. 125.

True it is said by the churches, and so your Committee have stated in their former Report, that the privelege of using the public or Church vaults would be dispensed with for the sake of using those of a private discription; but your Committee are compelled to remark, that any one step of a retrograde kind, or in the series of accommodation, would lead in its consequences to a relinquishment of the entire regulation. And your Committee have no doubt, from the facts furnished by experience and history on this and similar subjects, that such would be the inevitable result.

Your Committee will beg leave here to remind the Common Council, that by one of their ordinances which was passed on January 11, 1808, and which continued in operation until the last revision of the City Laws, it was ordained

"That no corpse of any person, who may die of any contagious or pestilential disease, other than the Small Pox—or measles shall at any time be interred to the southard or Westward of Pump and Nicholas Streets (and afterwards to the Southward of Grand Street) under the

[314] penalty of One Hundred Dollars, to be paid by any person offending in the premises or assisting therein."

Now your Committee would ask, whether, in an elementary point of view, private right can be considered as infringed, more in this case than in the one under consideration. The rights of private property do not depend upon adventitious circumstances like those contained in the Ordinance just quoted—they are immutable and unchangeable being regulated only by that great principle which gives life and stability to the social system and forms its very foundation, the public good: this principle is as universal as it is salutary—whatever is consistent with it is lawful—whatever is in violation of it, is unlawful, according to the spirit and pervading morality of the Law.

In further illustration of the doctrine here advanced, your Committee might cite many instances from Law Books, such as "If a trade become a nuisance by its situation, it may be restrained by a by law—and therefore a by law to restrain Butchers and Chandlers and such others from setting up in Cheapside or such other eminent parts of the City, is good because such trades are offensive and may be apt to create diseases; and therefore, for fear of infection and for the sake of public decorum and conveniency, such kind of offensive trades may be removed to places of more retirement." [315] I Bac. Abr. title, By-Laws—p. 340, 2. Kyd on Corporations, p. 150.

Whether the practice of burying the dead generally, and in all respects, in the midst of a dense population, and in the most thickly settled parts of our City, is, or is not injurious to the living, and dangerous in a greater or less degree, to the public safety, and therefore falling within the principle of the above cases, and of the Common Law itself as applicable to nuisances generally, is a question, which, in the opinion of your Committee, can admit only of an affirmative answer.

But this principle may be further illustrated by the regulation of buildings within what are called the building limits of our city, by which the owner of a lot of land can only build a house upon it of a particular discription. and if he build contrary to Law, the building is declared to be a nuisance and may be removed as such. Laws. of. N York, 36 Sess. Chapter 86, Sect. 63.

The 66th 67th 68th 69th and 70th sections of the same law, contain various regulations relating to Gun Powder, and the manner in which it shall be kept, &c—and for violations of some of these, the Legislature go so far as to say that the Article shall be forfeited.

In the succeeding sections will be found other regulations respect-

ing pitch, tar, shingles &c. In [316] all of which instances, the injurious or dangerous use of property is prohibited, and for which the only reason that can be given is that the public good is promoted, and private rights must yield to its predominating influence.

Second. As to the propriety of granting this exemption on the score of gratifying the owners of vaults and their families. In respect to this consideration, weighty and powerful as it is, Your Committee have only to oppose to it the more impressive and obligatory one of public duty. And they would very briefly remark, in addition, that laws, in order to command the respectful acquiescence, and prompt obedience of an intelligent Community, must be general, and, if possible, universal in their nature and requirements. A Law, partial and limited in its operations, would justly be considered as odious and tyrannical, and would be repealed by any succeeding legislature.

To demonstrate this, as far as our city Government is concerned, let us state two or three of the most striking and familiar instances.

The Law in relation to cleaning Streets, requires that every family in the City, shall at stated times, perform this necessary duty.

Could a Law be maintained or would it not rather be a subject of public contempt [317] that should require this of all the inhabitants, except of Hudson Square, Park Place or Pine Street?

The same remark would apply to the Law as to riding at a given rate through the Streets.

Suppose there were contained in this Law a toleration in favour of A. B. and C, it would in that case as certainly be violated by all with the same impunity, as it is now (by the bye) though it contains no exception, and though it is calculated to secure the safety and lives of the men, women, and children of our city.

Take another very striking case: the law in regard to hoisting and lowering goods in the streets by means of pulleys. The late prompt and equal Law on that subject, has been respected and observed. If it had contained an exception in favour of any specified number of individuals to have been named, or if it had tolerated the Merchants of this, that, or the other Street or place to use those machines, while it forbade all others, no such law, could, in the opinion of your Committee, have been carried into effect. The law is strong, but justice and equality are stronger still, and in this thinking community, no laws but such as are built on these foundations, will ever be permitted to stand. It will not be forgotten either, by the Common Council, that some of the [318] proprietors of stores with those appendages

affixed to them did contend for an exemption upon the ground of vested rights, that is, that those fixtures had been made before the passage of the law. And it is understood that those persons made application to eminent Counsel for their opinion, and your Committee have understood that the answer received from their counsel was unfavorable to their claim. At all events, opposition was abandoned, and the law has gone into quiet and universal operation upon the basis and consideration of its tendency to promote public good.

And your Committee cannot help adding, that in none of the historical examples which they have discovered, and cited to this board from the days of the decemviri which was many years before the Christian era, to the present period has any such excemption been incorporated into the multiplied laws, which have been passed in different countries forbidding interments in cities, as is now proposed, except those founded in the mistaken prejudices and superstitions of the times relating to such persons, as vestals, founders and patrons, distinguished generals, ecclesiastics and the like.

Thirdly the opinion of medical characters. Your Committee are aware that in approaching this head of inquiry and remark, the duty they [319] have to perform is one of the utmost delicacy, and hazard. Yet trusting to the integrity of their motives, the discernment of this Board, and the candour of the gentlemen of this learned and elevated profession, distinguished as it is, no less by the urbanity and mental accomplishments of its members, than by its relation to and intimate connexion with the best interests of Society. Your Committee will proceed to an examination of the medical statements referred to, with the explicitness and freedom, regulated as they hope, by the predominating influence of truth, and of truth alone, as the polar star of their investigation.

That there may be no mistake, and the strictist candour be observed, Your Committee will beg leave here to insert the document subscribed by a portion of the Physicians of our city, many of whom are of the first rank in their profession, and of course entitled to great weight in the present inquiry. Though the same regard to truth, compels your Committee to add that they are informed and do believe, that many of the Physicians of our city of equal respectability with those above referred to, have refused and would refuse, if it were proposed to them to join in the certificate now to be examined. but Your Committee will not trouble the Common Council with any numerical calculations on the subject since the elementary principles of any art or science cannot depend upon the comparison of the numbers of their profes-

sors, but upon the self evidence, or the [320] nature of those principles, as apprehended by the understanding.

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"Being requested by some of our most respectable citizens, to express our opinions, as to the safety of interments in cities, the subscribers taking into view the facts which long experience has established in many of the largest cities of Great Britain, Italy, and other parts of the continent of Europe, as well as in our own country, are decidedly of the opinion that the practice of Interments in private vaults may be allowed without the least apprehension of danger, either as it regards the origin or the propagation of Yellow fever, or any other malignant disease."

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I am of opinion that interments in family vaults (already in existence) if confined to individuals of the family of the proprietors, would not endanger the health of the City.

Cyrus Perkins M D.

We concur in opinion with Dr Perkins Stephen Brown M D. Wm B Brown M D. John Bell M D.

[323] Before examining the separate parts of this Communication, Your Committee will submit a very few preliminary observations. It has not then been contended at least by the Public writers of this city, nor has it been maintained in this Board, that the practice in question is the cause specifically of Yellow, or any other fever. The argument is as far as your Committee can understand it, that this one source of impurity—that collections of an impure nature in a city are the cause of viatiating the atmosphere—a vitiated state of air leads to disease—and disease produces death. Your Committee however do further

understand, that the so much dreaded evil of the Yellow Fever is rendered more fatal by an epidemic state of atmosphere, than if that conductor were more pure. And if, as is supposed by many, that alarming disease is of domestic origin, or may sometimes originate among us, then your Committee are free to admit that they cannot apprehend why a grave yard may not be ranked as one of its causes, as well as any other source of impure air, since your Committee believe with the bulk of the authorities they have consulted, that "the qualities of the atmosphere depend upon a prodigious number of causes, which render it healthful or injurious." But of this your Committee will hereafter speak.

[324] First then, our medical fellow citizens refer us to the largest cities of Great Britain in proof of their position.

But your Committee have already stated and now repeated, that in Dublin, according to their best information, persons dying in that city, are buried at a distance out of it, and that no discrimination exists. And that the "Low Hill general cemetery," recently established in the neighbourhood of Liverpool, and "the Necropolis," or City of the Dead, proposed to be established in the vicinity of London, are both intended for the dead indiscriminately. The printed accounts of both are at least silent as to any exception.

Second. As to the cities in Italy, your committee are compelled to differ from the respectable Physicians whose opinions are under consideration as they have understood from unquestionable sources and indeed from common report, that in Rome, still the capital of that Country, and once the mistress of the world, in Arts, and arms, and where the practice of interment is now tolerated to a degree that must be pronounced horrid and loathsome, there are prevalent the most fatal epidemic diseases, one in particular called Mal'aria, the violence and malignaty of which are as much dreaded by the Inhabitants as is that scourge of some of our cities, the Yellow Fever [325] In confirmation of which, Your Committee submit the following extracts from the North American Review—New Series—Vol. IX. January 1824. These extracts, though long, will be found to be interesting, being the production of one of the most able, and best informed writers of our country.

"In one point of view, indeed, few subjects can be more interesting than the present state of Rome; Rome, we mean, considered as a *diminutied* [diminished] and decaying City, annually, consumed by the increasing pestilence of the mal'aria, whose ruins are destined at some period, and, perhaps, at no very remote one, to be left as desolate as the

ruins of Paestum or Volteera. That this is in[e]vetable, has long been admitted with more or less distinctness; but never shown by any connected notices of the past progress, of this mysterious pestilence, compared with its present extent, for the Romans have seemed to be unwilling to meet the subject in all its alarming magnitude; and strangers have rarely examined it with interest and thoroughness.

"The Mal'aira, or bad air, as it is called, is a state of the atmosphere, or of the soil, or of both, in different parts of Italy, producing in the warm season, and especially in the months of August and September, a fever more or less violent according to the nature of the exposure; but generally fatal, where the [326] exposure has been long continued or the place among the more dangerous. It is found in very different situations—situations, indeed, so different, that we can hardly be justified in believing it always to proceed from the same cause. We hear of it in the rice grounds of Lombardy, on the highlands near Padua, on the summits of the Radicofani, and round the Gulf of Salerno. But it is no where so formidable as at Rome, for it no where else prevails over a tract of country so extensive, or is followed by consequences indicating so fatal a degree of activity in the cause. The infected district of which Rome is almost the Centre, extends on the coast from Leghorn to Feracini, and from the sea back to the Appenines, nearly two Hundred miles in length, and sometimes above thirty in brea[d]th. How many perish annually from the peculiar disease contracted within these limits, it is not possible to determine; because the persons employed here in cultivating the soil do not live on it permanently, and as, soon as they find themselves infected endeavour to seek a place in *in* some of the towns, or to Return to be restored [or] to die. The number, however, is very great. Above 4000 perished by it in the hospitals of Rome alone in 1801, [327] and the yearly list seldom falls below 1300,* indeed it is now a settled point, that human life cannot be supported where the mal'aria prevails with a considerable degree of intensity; and those who have survived one Season of exposure to it, under such circumstances, are generally its victims, if their poverty forces them a second year within its influence."—Page 195.

"That the exhalations from such a vast extent of country as this, so long the seat of fatal disease, may as, the vulgar have believed

* The number of patients received into the Santo Spirito Hospital at Rome, in 1818, of the disease produced by the Mal' aira, was 8137, and the number of deaths was 363. The number received in 1819 was 6134, and the number of deaths was 258. Bark is the only remedy employed. The Prince of the Peace who died in 1820, took his six pounds in substance, and an English Gentleman, who suffered severly from it the same year, but survived, took 13 pounds.

from the time of Pliny to our own days, produced some effect on the atmosphere in the city of Rome, when the Wind has long blown from the South West, is very possible. It is not however, credible, that they are the entire or even principle cause of the mal'aira there; for this pestilence prevails in other parts of Italy remote [328] from all marshy grounds; it prevails near Rome over a dry surface vastly greater than the whole surface of the Pontine Marshes; the City it self is forty miles distant from them; and for the last twenty years, the mal'aira has been entering from the north against the current of the winds, as fast as it has from the south, where it is supposed to be favored by them."—Page 198.

"The Piazza Navona, the Ripetta and the Quirinal began to be dangerous above a Hundred Years ago, and the last has since become absolutely unsafe during the hotest months, so that, even for a century, the coming doom of Rome, may be considered as inscribed on its walls distinctly enough to have been understood by those who well regarded the signs of the times. But within the last fifty years, when observation has been more accurate, this doom has been more apparent. The annual pestilence, which has so long reigned unmolested in the southern portions of the City has within that time, intruded from the north. The Villa Borghese, the most ample and magnificent of the Roman Country houses, which was built in the Seventeenth Century, just outside of Porto del Popolo, and which during the greater part of the eighteenth was the Scene of more luxury and splendour, than almost any spot in Italy, has for above [329] forty years been considered as infected, and is now suffered to fall to ruin. The upper part of the Corso, and the Piazza di Spagna, to which Strangers resort, and always have resorted in modern times, as the healthiest parts of the City, have not been entirely safe since the beginning of the present century, and are thought annually to grow worse. The Public walk, which the French constructed hardly twenty two years ago on the Site, or nearly on the *sight* [site] of the luxurious gardens of Sallust and Lucullus, must already be avoided during the evenings of the months of August and September. The beautiful Villa Ludovisi, in the same quarter, has been no more safe during the last Thirty Years, but the French Academy of Painting, though separated from it only by a public way, was considered [safe] till the Summer of 1817. And has been condemned as dangerous, only since the death of several of the pupils in 1818.

"Thus the last of the Roman hills, the portion of the City, which through a succession of ages, has been the chosen seat of its luxury, is

now become the victim of the mal'aira; so that from the Vatican to the Lateran, and from the Villa Borghese, to the gate of S[t] Pauls, there is no longer any considerable [330] space from which those, who are able, do not escape during the hot months, and only very small portions, where from some unexplained cause, this mysterious pestilence has not yet intruded. Outside of the walls, or on the deserted parts Within them, no person will do more than pass rapidly on during the dangerous season, who can possibly avoid it.

"On the final result of such a state of things, it is, of course, impossible to shut our Eyes. The mal'aira has been for centuries constantly extending its ravages, It is a contest that has been for ages, every year renewed, and every year followed by a signal defeat. The whole Campagna has been laid Waste by it; three fourths of the space within the Walls of the City have been given up to its desolation; and even in the remainder though crowded with Churches that would be Cathedrals elsewhere, and with Palaces such as transalpine Kings do not dwell in, the unseen pestilence still goes forth unmolested. It is not indeed, for human foresight to fix the fates of empires and cities; but it is more in the spirit of history than prophecy to say, that Rome must one day become what Pæstum and Volterra are now." —Page 201.

[331] "The City of Rome is already within the influence of that mysterious agent, which is spread every where around the remains of its temples and tombs, as an invisible enemy, whose approach no intimation announces, and no power can resist. That this enemy will at last triumph, its past progress does not permit us to doubt. Rome herself already stands in widowed greatness *amits* [amidst] the desolation of the Campagna; and its soil which for so many centuries teemed with splendour and power, seems now to be emancipating itself by its own secret energies, and demanding to lie fallow of glory so many ages as it bore its burden"—Page 204.

And from the Edinburgh Review vol xxviii. pages 46, 47. and 48—Your Committee beg leave to make the following extracts on the prevalence of the disease in that Ill fated country.

"That disease is no other, we believe, than an intermittent, or an ague, of the worst kind: such as will long be remembered in England by the name of the Walcheren fever. It must not however, be supposed, that, like this last, the fever of the Maremma is produced by the miasmata of marshes, or the well known causes of a similar disorder. In some instances, such causes do indeed appear to exist, but, in the greater number, the places where this evil prevails are dry,

airy, and elevated. Thus Volterra, which is involved in [332] the contagion of the Maremma, near to its western extremity, is situated on a high ground, and is open to every blast.

"The cause of the insalubrity of the Maremma is a mystery into which science has not yet been able to penetrate. It has often been supposed, that the pestilential air, which has depopulated the shores of the Mediterranean over so great an extent, arises from marshy grounds and Stagnant Water. In such places as the Pontine Marshes, which are at the eastern extremity of the Maremma, this supposition may be well founded, but in the greater part of the Maremma, in the Tuscan and in Roman territory, it is certain, as already observed, that the soil is dry, and the ground in many places elevated high above the plain. "No visible sign," says Chateauvieux, "marks the existence of the approach of this pestiferous air. The sky is as pure, the verdure as fresh, the air as tranquil, as in the most healthy region. The aspect of all the elements is such as should inspire the most perfect confidence; and it is impossible to express the horror which one experiences on discovering that this is all deception; that he is in the midst of dangers of which no indication exists; and that with the soft air that he is breathing, he may be inhaling a poison destructive to life." It appears to [333] your Committee, in confirmation of the preceeding, that Rome, is undergoing a very rapid depopulation. In her imperial state, her population was 1.200.000; in 1791 it amounted to 166,000, and in 1813 it was reduced to about 90.000.

Your Committee beg leave here to refer, in pro[o]ff of the insalubrity of Rome, which they understand to be proverbial, to a medical discription given of it by Dr Valentine, of France, in a recent work, entittled "a Medical voyage in Italy." 1820.

Dr Valentine attributes this insalubrity, in pages 54. 55 & 56, to merely local causes—among which he enumerates the celebrated pits in which it is known that the dead are buried, and which, when opened, diffuse a most horrid Stench.

The reigning diseases, according to this writer, called the ariacathia are fevers of all Types, and of the most malignant forms, this Intelligent Traveller attributes them entirely to the soil, which in every point testifies its most poisonous effusion, and proves it to be an errour to attribute the distressing mortality of Rome to the influence of the Pontine marshes "because," says he, "The cities of Velletri Gea[n]zano, Arreciia, And Albano which are interposed would be the first attained, and more sickly than [334] Rome, while experience proves the contrary."

If then a cause of the unhealthy state of Rome is to be sought for —may we not consider it in whole or in part to arise from domestic impurities—such as are described in the following extract from the political state of Italy, by Theodore Lyman Junior of Boston, 1820, chap. XVII, page 210, and given by Dr Hosack at the 77th Page of his Medical Police.

"To the evidence adduced," says Dr Hosack in the preceeding discourse on (Medical Police) "to show that the decomposition of animal and vegetable substances has no agency in the production of Yellow Fever, I subjoin the following extracts "on the manner of burying the dead in Italy," taken from a work recently published, on the customs, manners and politcal state of that country.

"From the facts therein detailed, it will appear, that if animal substances, in a state of putrefaction, could engender this form of pestilential fever, that effect ought certainly to be expected in the city of Rome, the climate of which is so similar to our own. The[y] also furnish additional evidence, that burial in vaults conducted in the manner I have recommended (in public and private vaults with the use of lime as hereafter noticed) may be practical without injury to our city.

[335] Extract from Mr Lyman as given by Dr Hosack.

"All persons, who can afford it, are buried in coffins in the vaults. These vaults are about ten feet square, and seven deep, and that they are opened, by means of a flat stone, in the Church itself. In the hot months, in those Churches where the vaults are old and badly secured and where burials are frequent, the stench is sometimes so great that the service is omitted. This is particular[l]y true of the church della Madonna, in the piazza del Popolo, owned by Prince Albani, and redeemed three times by him from the french for twelve Thousand dollars. This prince indulges in the extraordinary charity of sending for the dead poor, and burying them in this church at his own expence.

"There are One hundred and seventy one churches in Rome allowed to receive the dead, so that while the population continues in its present State, sufficient room will always be found in the vaults for all who can afford to be buried there.

"The poor, and all who die in charitable establishments, are thrown into pits, naked, and without coffins. I went to see three pits in a small cloister behind the [336] church of the hospital, at the end of the Corso, near the Piazza del Popolo—the most crow[d]ed and populous streets of all Rome. This was on the 2nd of January one

of the coldest days, with the clearest atmosphere, during the whole Year. Nevertheless, when the flat stones, that covered the pits, just fourteen inches square were removed, the putrid vapour arose so instantaneously, and in such thick fumes, that even the attendants moved towards the door of the cloister, till the first and most pestiferous exhalations should have passed. In the first pit there had been no deposits since the French Revolution, and it then contained only a small quantity of bones—green, moist, and mostly decayed. In the second, in which there had been no burials for several months there was a great mass of putrid flesh, but not a body or limb, or any form or shape whatever could be discerned. An accumulation of one Hundred and twenty two bodies, rotting, ulcerated, marked with white-bluish spots, and streaks of black. As the putrid air gradually escaped, a faint sound could be heard, and the mass of corruption was observed to sink down deeper in the pit. In the last pit they were then burying, and a wretched, emaciated body, that had been thrown in that morning, was lying across the pile, with the top of its head cut of by the Surgeons, and the Eye lids hanging back in a frightful [337] manner—the hard shrunk leg of a ghastly object was slowly pressing into a swollen and enflamed body just ready to burst—long black hair, clotted and moistened by putrid oozings, still hung to wasted skulls, where the eyes had fallen out, and the lips had shrunk away from the teeth. Some bodies had slid down to the bottom of the pit, and near the top there appeared the legs and feet of a body still sweating and swelling with decay. There were men, women, and children, and as the mass rotted and consumed, they sunk and mixed together a deadly yellow colour and a thick dirty sweat, seemed to pervade and spread itself over the whole heap—a cold sluggish oozing mingled with the slow, silent progress of putrefaction. I saw no living creature in this vault, neither worm, rat, or tarantula. A large torch, burning with a full blaze, expired instantly, three times, on being put into the mouth of the pit.

" The largest Hospital in Rome is the Santo Spirito, and it has One Hundred and thirty six pits dug on the top of a hill, a quarter of a mile from the city. There are thirty six pits; belonging to the hospital of S^{t} Johns. From the beginning of this century to the end of the Year 1818, there have died in Rome, in Charitable Establishments, a Yearly average [338] of Two Thousand One Hundred and Thirty persons; to these add eight hundred and seventeen persons dying in houses, but buried at the public expense, making annualy Two Thousand Nine Hundred and forty seven individuals buried in pits and without coffins.

"Each burial costs one dollar, and Sixty cents for transportation, wax lights, and the mass—Circumstances never neglected though the body itself should be dragged to the pit with hooks, and thrown upon the pile, as if it was carrion. Such is Christian After this disgusting account of the manner in which burials are practiced in Italy, and of the effects of them, Your Committee, while they disavow, as they have before done, the least pretension to medical skill, must be permitted to express their unfeigned surprise that [it] should be maintained that burials in vaults even under the circumstances, and in the manner mentioned by Dr Hosack, can be considered as safe an[d] in noxious in this populous City, whose climate, as he says, is so similar to that of Italy.

In confirmation of the opinion of your Committee, as just expressed, against the practice of Interment, though sanctioned in part by the high medical authority, under which it is recommended, Your Committee will here adduce the testimony of Dr Chapman of Phileadelphia, in a review of [339] a work on the dangers of Interment in Cities, by Dr Felix Pascalis, of this City.

"It is difficult," says Dr Chapman, "to conceive how physicians should, in any respect, be opposed to the opinion that receptacles of the dead in the midst of populous cities, are unhealthy and become often the source of wide spreading diseases—and how all the members of the medical profession, at all gifted with feelings of humanity, should not unite with Dr Pascalis, and his reviewer (Dr Chapman) in reprobating the pernicious custom, and soliciting its entire abolition. Already a very celebrated professor in a neighbouring college (referring to Dr Hosack) although he does not consider it indispensably necessary either for the comfort or health of its inhabitants, that the custom of city interments be altogether prohibited, recommends that they should be exclusively confined to public and private vaults, and that no grave ought to be permitted under any circumstances; for such (says Dr Hosack) is the loose texture of the soil in grave yards that permission to transfer and a license be granted, for which purpose where this mode of burial is practiced, that as soon as the decomposition of the body has begun the gasses which are extricated will find egress and mix with the atmosphere, rendering it more or less offensive and impure, and consequently a medium of spreading contagious diseases, that may be introduced within the sphere to which such impure [340] air may extend (Hosack, Med. Pol. page 42) It is true (continues Dr Chapman) Vaults, may under certain circumstances be admitted to be innoxious; but as Dr Pascalis very well

observes, (page 113) they cannot be depended upon always—decay, accidents, or neglect, are continually at hand to undermine there supposed safety. It is to be hoped therefore, that the very learned and authoritative Professor (Dr H.) whose opinion we have mentioned above, will ere long acknowledge the danger of vaults, and extend his prescription to them as well as to graves, and that this testimony will have sufficient weight and influence on the minds of the proper authorities; to cause there entire prohibition, and to promote the establishment of appropriate places out of the City for the disposition of the dead."

Since making the above extract from the publication of Dr Chapman the attention of your Committee has been drawn to another Essay of the same writer, to be found in the Philosophical Journal, for Feb. 1825, which is supposed not only to impugn but to establish a contrary doctrine from the preceeding—but a moment's attention to the object and tendency of the latter Essay, will convince any reader (except a predjudiced one) that the object of the learned Dr Chapman, was to disprove what your Committee does not pretend to assert, that Interments are the [341] specific and producing cause of pestilence or Yellow fever and that in truth Dr Chapman's testimony entirely supports the views and opinions of the Board, in passing the present Ordinance.

I[n] regard to the question, whether animal putrefaction may be ranked as an effecient cause of pestilence, it cannot be expected, that your Committee should be able [to] give to the Common Council a regular series of historical facts; yet in Confirmation of the opinion entertained by some, that it is effecient at least, in the promotion, if not in the origination of diseases of that kind Your Committee refer to Gibbon's decline and fall of Roman Empire, Vol 3, Ch. xxxi, page 189, where it is stated, that at the seige of Rome under the reign of Honorius by the Gothic Army, at the beginning of the 5th Century, "many Thousands of the Inhabitants of Rome expired in their houses, or in the tents, for want of sustenance, and as the public Sepulchres without the walls (for the Law of the Twelve Tables still prevailed) were in the power of the enemy, the stench, which arose from so many putrid and unburied carcasses, infected the air, and the miseries of famine were succeeded and aggravated by the contagion of pestilential disease."

Third. As to the residue of continential Europe. Your Committee will not commit the [342] indecorum of even imagining the possibility of any intentional mistatement of facts, or of opinions on the

part of the respectable physicians, who have subscribed the paper under consideration. But it is not with standing utterly incomprehensible to your committee, that this Board should be referred to continential Europe, or to any civilized country whatsoever, where Laws have been enacted on the subject of Interment in Cities, in favour of its admissibility in general, or to any qualified extent, whether as to private ownership or any other limitation. Wherever according to the researches of Your Committee, any regulation of this kind has taken place, the object of the government appears to have been to make the prohibition as extensive as possible; while on the part of a portion only of the Community the effort has been to get rid of such prohibition. But any compromise of the question is in general very rare. Your Committee will instance particularly the regulation of Louis XV. in France, before cited, which ordains in case of interments of the priveleged persons, therein mentioned, such as patrons, founders, high ecclesiastics, and the like, that they shall not be interred "except under vaults, covering a space of 72 square feet, built of stone and flagged, and the bodies to be placed six feet deep in the earth, under the lower pavement of the vault."

[343] Your Committee will here lay before the Board an extract from the Quarterly Review, Vol. XXI page 373, and onward, on the subject of interment, as practised by ancient and modern nations, and in which will be found many interesting facts besides those which the time and limits of your Committee will enable them to exhibit.

"The National Convention in 1793 passed a decree, that the Graves and Monuments of the Kings in S^{t} Denis, and in all other places throughout France should be destroyed.

In pursuance of this, they opened the vaults of Turenne, Henry the 4th, Louis 15th Jeane de Bourbon, wife of Charles the 5th &c. Upon opening the vault of Francis 1st, and his family, it was found to contain six leaden Coffins and the remains were in a state of liquid putrefaction, which made its way through the lead as they were removed, and the odour was almost insupportable. The bodies of many of the latter Bourbons were also in a state of decomposition, and when the Coffins were opened, they are said to have emitted a thick black vapour, which, though vinegar and Gun Powder were burnt to prevent ill consequences, affected the persons employed with fevers and diarrhoea.

In page 378, it is stated that "the custom of bur[y]ing in temples and churches [344] grew out of the Superstitions, with which Christianity became corrupted. It had been forbidden in the Pagan time.

Theodosius after the Establishment of Christianity, renewed the prohibition, upon the ground that graves within the city were detrimental to the health of the living. The introduction of the present practice began in the respect paid to the remains of martyrs. In the sixth century, the Common people were allowed places in the Church Yards, and even under the walls. By the time of Charlemagne, they had got into the Church. An attempt was made at the Council of Fribur in his reign to put a stop to the abuse. A rule which was passed at that synod, required that if the Church could not be paved so that every vestige of graves should be removed, the Church itself should be unchurched, and turned into a polyandrium, and the alters removed and set up in some other place. It appears however from this synod, that the Clergy had established for themselves a privelege of lying in the church, for it is the burial of laymen there, which is prohibited."

The following extract from the same work, in the opinion of your Committee, is deserving the serious attention of the Common [345] Council, as it applies to a distinguished portion of Great Britain, to which they have been referred by the medical certificate above mentioned, and the more particularly as the publication is from the metropolis of that kingdom.

"The Commissioners for the improvements in Westminister, reported to parliment in 1814 (as has been before mentioned) that S[t] Margarets Church yard could not consistently with the health of the neighborhood be used much longer as a burying ground, for that it was with the greatest difficulty a vacant place could at any time be found for strangers; the family graves generally would not admit of more than one interment, and many of them were then to[o] full, for the reception of any member of the family to which they belonged. There are many Church yards in which the soil has been raised several feet—above the level of the adjoining street, by the continual accumulation of mortal matter; and there are others, in which the grounds is actually probed with a borer before a grave is opened! In these things, the most barbarous Savages might reasonably be shocked at our barbarity. Many tons of human bones every year are sent from London to the north, where they are crushed in Mills contrived for the purpose, and used as manure. (To which is added in a note—"The eagerness of English Agriculturists to obtain this manure, human bones, and the cupidity of foreigners in supplying it, is such, as to induce the latter to rob the tombs of there forefathers. Bones of all descriptions are imported [346] and pieces of half decayed coffin attire are found among them.) "Yet with all this clearance, the number

of the dead increases in such frighfull disproportion, to the space which we allow for them, that the question has been started whether a Sexton may not refuse to admit iron Coffins into a burial place, because by this means, the deceased takes a fee simple in the ground which was only granted for a term of years! The patentee accordingly assures the public that, he has taken Dr Jenner's opinion (of Doctors' Commons) upon a point, which is, that no legal objection can be made to the interment of dead bodies, on account of the materials whereof the Coffins, in which they are deposited, may be composed. A curious expedient has been found at Shields and Sunderland: the Ships which return to those ports, in ballast, where at a loss where to discharge it, and has at late years been compelled to pay for the use of the ground on which they threw it out: the burial grounds were full: it was recollected that the ballast would be useful then, and accordingly it has been laid upon one layer of dead to such a depth, that graves for a second tier are now dug in the new Soil." Page 380.

Your Committee solicit the attention of the Common Council to the gross and revolting abuses growing out of the practice of interment in Cities and Churches which are here so justly pourtrayed as existing in the City of London.

Page 381. "The excellent Evelyn (agreeing with the testimony heretofore given of Sir Cr. Wren) regretted greatly that after the fire of London, advantage had not [347] been taken of that calamity to rid the City of its burial places, and establish a necropolis without the Walls. "I yet cannot but deplore," says he, in his Silva, "that when that spacious area was so long a rasa tabula, the church yards had not been banished to the north walls of the City, where a grated enclosure of competent breadth, for a mile in length, might have served for an universal cemetery to all the parishes, distinguished by the like separations, and with ample Walks of trees, the Walks adorned with monuments, inscriptions, and titles, apt for contemplation, and memory of the defunct, and that wise and excellent Law of the Twelve Tables restored and renewed. Such a funeral grove, with proper regulations and careful keeping, Would have been an Ornament and an honor to the metropolis, and might at this time have been as characteristic, of the English, as the catacombs at Paris are of the French."

Page 394. "The beauty of the Mohammedan burial grounds has been noticed by all Travellers. The Afghauns call their cemeteries the cities of the silent; and hang garlands on the tombs and burn

incense before them, because they believe that the Ghosts of the departed dwell there, and sit, each at the end of his own grave, enjoying the fragrance of these offerings. The church yards in the reductions of Paraguay were so many gardens. The graves are regularly arranged and bordered with the sweetest plants and flowers, and the Walks were planted with Orange Trees and plants. The [348] Moravians in their missions observe the same regularity and decency; the name which they give to a burial ground is, 'God's ground,' In many parts of Wales, the graves are carefully planted with flowers; and the beauty of this custom is felt by all English travellers. In Gibon's addition to Camden, it is noticed, that the custom of planting rose trees upon the graves anciently used both among the Greeks and Romans, had been observed time out of mind at Oakley in Surry."

And Yet with this testimony drawn from the commercial and literary emporium of Great Britain, we are referred by the medical certificate under consideration, to that very country for proof in favour of the practice to a limited extent, which by the London Reviewers themselves, is so successfully combated and exposed.

Fourthly, This medical certificate refers the Common Council to the experience of our own country, in support of the opinion as therein expressed in favour of Interments.

But Your Committee will ask, what can be the foundation or the reason of such referrence? In New Haven there is no exemption from the general Law, neither is there any that has come to the knowledge of your Committee in the cities of Albany or Washington. In New Orleans, in Phileadelphia, and in our own city, the practice is condemned in every part, and to every extent of it, by medical authority itself, as has been previously [349] shown by the publications of Dr J. M. Picornell, of Doctor Deveze, and of the medical Society of this city, and of others

And in the pleasant and flourishing village of Brooklyn, they have altogether discontinued the practice of interring in the Potter's field, which is within its bounds, and bury their dead, in the more natural and healthful manner, at a suitable distance from their Settlement after the excellent example so well described by Dr Dwight, in New Haven.

And in support of the views and opinions as maintained and given in the above mentioned publications, your Committee beg permission here to present the proceedings of the Board of Health of this City in the year 1806.

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Health Janx 22nd 1806.

Present De Witt Clinton President

Alderman Fairlie	Doctor Miller
Doctor Rodgers	Mr Pintard.

The Committee of the Board of Health, appointed to consider what preventative measures may be necessary to secure the health of the City of New York, presented a Report recommending the adoption of various measures, and in relation to Interments, there Report was in the following words:

"That the interment of dead bodies within the City ought to be prohibited. A vast mass of decaying animal matter, produced by the superstition of interring dead bodies near to churches, and which [350] has been accumulated for a long lapse of time, is now deposited in many of the most populus parts of this City. It is impossible that such a quantity of those animal remains, even if placed at the greatest depth of interment commonly practiced, should continue to be inoffensive and safe. It is difficult, if not impracticable, to determine to what distance around the matters extricated during the progress of putrefaction, may spread; and by prevading the ground, tainting the waters, and perhaps emitting noxious exhalations into the atmosphere, do great mischief. But if it should be dicided still to persist in the practice of interment within the city, it ought to be judged necessary to *to* order the envelopement of the bodies in some specious of *of* calcareous earth, either quick lime or chalk. The present burial grounds might serve extremely well for plantations of grove and forest trees, and thereby, instead of remaining receptacles of putrefying matter and hot beds of miasmata. might be rendered useful and ornamental to the City. This growing evil must be corrected at some period, for it is increasing and extending by daily aggregation to a mass already very large; and the sooner it is arrested, the less violence will be done to the feelings and habits of our fellow citizens."

This Report having been approved, was sent with a memorial to the Legislature by the Common Council, and was no doubt influencial in convincing the State Legislature of the impropriety and danger of the practice of Interment, as therein pointed out.

Your Committee will now take the liberty to submit another piece of evidence to the [351] Common Council relating to the much controverted question of the cause of the Yellow Fever, and in favor of its domestic origin, with the preliminary remark only, that if this greatest enemy to the growth and prosperity of our city can be supposed to take its rise among us; then every source of injurious exhalation becomes

doubly an object of exclusion and prevention, since in that case every impurity whatsoever must be considered tributary as a cause. And indeed on the other hypothesis of its foreign importation, it ought to be an object of the most unceasing solicitude to prevent every thing like a nuisance in the City or its neighbourhood, for reasons of the most obviously prudential kind. The document referred to by your Committee is as follows:

"The enclosed list of physicians, resident in the City of New York, has been furnished to Moses N. Chervin, M. D. who visited this City for the sole object of obtaining testimonials on the origin, and the contagion or non-contagion of the Yellow Fever. He received double Certificates from every Gentleman here named, 44, who profess to believe that the Yellow Fever is of domestic Origin, and is not contagious; and three, who think that it is imported and consequently contagious."

"The list was published in Baltimore in 1822, and will appear very soon in the work of Dr Chervin, now in the press at Paris."

	Samuel L. Mitchell	Thomas Cock
	William Moore	Henry. M. Van. Solingen
[352]	John Onderdonk	Wm Hammersly
	Wright Post	John R. B. Rodgers
	Benjamin Prince	William Handy
	Thomas Boyd	Samuel Osborn
	John Watts	Daniel M Hitchcock
	J. D. Jaques	Cyrus Perkins
	James R Manly	Gilbert Smith
	H McLean	Wm Barrow
	Richard L Walker	Wm Stilwell
	Benjamin P Kissam	Daniel Lord
	Valentine Mott	Charles Drake
	Peter C. Tappan	John C Cheeseman
	Alexr H. Stevens	Samuel Akerly
	Samuel Bourrowe	Felix Pascalis
	John Neilson	Anthony Anderson
	Wm Jas. McNeven	James B Bliss
	Peter. B. Helme	Nicoll H Dering
	Isaac Wood	*Wm H Ducachet
	Wm F Seaman	Lewis Belden
	Stephen Brown	John Baxter
	Dan W Kissam Senr & Junr	*John W Francis
March 21st 1823	*David Hosack	

Note. The Testimony of those marked thus* is for contagion; of the rest for non-contagion.

A True Copy
Felix Pascales."

Your Committee will here introduce and extract from the medical and philosophical essays of Dr L. E. W. [353] Shecut, member of the literary and philosophical Society of S. Carolina, illustrative of the domestic Origin, of the Yellow Fever in Charleston.

"The causes that are productive of the highest class of infection, are found to consist of the following;" and under this head he enumerates—"2nd Animal putrefaction, or the decomposition of animal substances, whether in bodies of men, or of beasts, putrid flesh or fish, or the offals of either; next to them, (he says) we may add the effluvia of sinks and drains."

Your Committee must acknowledge that they were not prepared to except such a solid body of evidence in favour of this theory; and if they do not greatly decieve themselves, this paper alone would carry conviction to every mind, that every thing like nuisance ought to be concluded with the same vigorous and energetic determination, that we could exclude from admission the most dangerous foreign enemy; and this can present no point admitting of uncertainty or qualification. Is the thing offensive, we ought to shut it out, or exterminate it as we would crush the Crocodile in the egg—for out of it may proceed our deadly foe. On this theory there can be no half way measures or compromises whatsoever, with any subject or source of pestilential or injurious exhalation, however minute or apparently unimportant, that admits of exclusion.

Your Committee beg here to be explicitly [354] understod. They are not the advocates of any medical theory, especially on the subject of the Yellow Fever, nor do they intend to sanction any on this occasion. But they have thought it to be their duty to exhibit the opinions of others, which might have a bearing on the present inquiry.

Your Committee will now notice two or three arguments that are very commonly brought forward, and were urged before them by the petitioners for a change in this law.

The one is that sextons are, and have been, remarkably long lived.

To which your Committee would reply, that the same thing may be said of many other persons, whose employments are extremely filthy and disagreeable. The force of custom as to vicious habits and also employments, which are in themselves unhealthy, is well known. The Old adage that "use is a second nature." is perhaps not well founded than it is trite—and in support of it, as applicable to the great question before us, Your Committee will beg leave to cite a few authorities.

In a work, entitled "The Modern Practice of Physic," by Robert Thomas M. D., with an appendix by David Hosack, M. D. and at

page 974 of the Appendix, it is said, " The well known facts—relative to the Communication of jail fever to the judges, and others present, at the Old Bailey in 1750, While the prisoners remained in health, insensible to infection, furnish incontestible [355] evidence of the effects of habit in diminishing the sensibility to the poison of fever, and with regard to the Yellow Fever, it assuredly has not been the case in the United States, that those who are most accustomed to the impure air of the place, in which the disease prevailed, were more susceptible of the disorder than those who had recently arrived from the pure air of the country, or from the more elevated parts of the town."

In page 974, of the same book, there is an extract, being an observation of Dr Blane, as follows: " Infection, like some other poisons, does not so readily affect those who are accustomed to it, and therefore those that have been in the habit of being exposed to it, frequently escapes its bad effects. For the like reason, physicians and nurses are less susceptible than Others."

In page 978, after enumerating many facts, the Writer, Dr Hosack concludes—" *than* [that] an impure atmosphere is indespensably necessary to multiply and extend the specific poison, constituting plague, dystentery, typhus and Yellow Fever.

" And that the predisposition of those who are most exposed to such impure air is less, while those who reside in the Country, are most liable to be infected when exposed to the contagion."

In page 986 and 988 there may be found many similar facts and conclusions.

[356] Another observation, strongly urged by the petitioners, is, that the neighbourhoods of church Yards, are as healthy as other portions of the City.

This remark, would seem to have much plausibility and apparent force; but your Committee would ask, whether the same observation does not equally apply to the neighbourhoods of docks, Slips, heads of sewers, the collect grounds, heaps of manure, slaughter houses, the Market places? &c. &c.

But these will scarcely be considered or ranked as places desireable for residence on account of their salubrity.

The fact on this subject, as your Committee are fully convinced, is, that the cause of unhealthiness is extremely difficult to define, being very subtle, and compounded of many ingredients. And laying aside the fascinations of theory, which Often bewilder and confound the understanding, Your Committee substituting in their place the deductions of common sense, do not hesitate to recommend to this Board,

and through them to their fellow Citizens, such a course of policy as will have for its object the removal and prevention of every possible nuisance, more especially those of a voluntary kind, and therefore for which there is no reasonable excuse.

But can it be seriously urged that grave yards and vaults are innofensive and not injurious, nay dangerous to human life?

[357] If they are not, why is it the common practice to set the latter open many hours previous to the act of interring?

If they are not productive of the most deleterious effects in the estimation of people, in General, and according to the Common sense of mankind, and in the opinion of the Trustees of one of the largest and most influential Churches in this City, standing in one of the most public situations, who have made large preperations for interring the dead in their ground, and under the Church itself, contrary, Your Committee have no hesitation in saying, to the United and admonitory voice of experience and propriety—why, Your Committee will respectfully inquire, is [it] that ventilators have been constructed under the floors of this Church, and connecting with the main passage-way leading to the vaults beneath?

Your Committee refer to the Brick Presbyterian Church, where such openings may be discovered, and from which it is apparent, that danger was apprehended, from the effects of those poisonous and most destructive exhalations, which are known to originate in such receptacles of the dead, either to the sextons and others in entering the vaults, or to the congregation, from their injurious effects upon the air of the Church. This fact alone, is, in the opinion of your Committee, in place of a host of witnesses, and a Volume of testimony, to prove beyond all doubt or question the dangers that are [358] to be apprehended from its source. There are in this ground, including those under the Church, 52 Vaults, 48 of which are private, and 4 of which are public vaults; and according to a diagram furnished to your Committee, 32 of these are beneath the floor, and within the Walls of the church*

Your Committee on due consideration, and within every feeling of

* Since this Report was read, the Committee have ascertained that in the grant for the ground, on a part of which has been erected the Market Street Church, by Henry Rutgers, Esq^r^ to Philip Milledollar, James. M. Mathews, Peter Wilson, Isaac Hyer, Peter Sharpe, Mathias Bruen, and W^m^ Bloosby, as Trustees, the following is inserted as one of the conditions:—"That neither they, the said Trustees, or their Successors, shall, at any time, permit or suffer any vault or vaults, grave or graves to be sunk within the bounds of the said above described five lots of ground, *expect* [except] one vault for the use of such ministers as shall be settled in the said church & their families."

respect to the distinguished physicians, whose opinions are now to be noticed, have concluded to present the following extract from a work, entitled "Observations on Febrile Contagion, and on the means of improving the Medical Police of the City of New York, delivered in the College of Physicans and Surgeons on the 6th of Novr 1820, by David. Hosack. M. D. Resident Physician," &c &c page 41. 42.

The object and motive of this condition, it is presumed, cannot be mistaken. The deed bears date on the 25th of Novr 1816, and the record of it may be found In the Office of James W Lent Esq City Register in Lib. 148. of Conveyances, &c page 47

[359] "Thirdly. It may be observed that the practice of interring the dead in the cemeteries of the City, calls for some additional Police Regulations.

"I do not consider it indispensably necessary (he continues) either that this custom should be altogether prohibited, but I would recommend that interments should be exclusively confined to public and private vaults, and that no grave should be permitted under any circumstances: for such is the loose texture of the soil in Grave Yards. where this mode of burial is practised, that as soon as the decomposition of the body has begun, the gases, which are extricated, will find egress, and mix with the atmosphere, rendering it more or less offensive and impure, and consequently a medium of spreading contagious diseases that may be introduced within the sphere to which such impure air may extend. Another measure, calculated to counteract offensiveness in vaults, and absorb and decompose the impurities that they may contain, will be to cover the floors with a stratum of Lime, several inches in depth, and to cover the Walls with the same materials."

Your Committee have introduced this extract for the purpose of comparing its several parts with each other, of submitting the whole to the investigation imposed on them by the duties of their appointment, and of drawing such conclusions from the discussion as shall appear comformable to right reason, and [360] be capable of being apprehended by the common sense of mankind. The proposition, then, is, that graves should be closed, and the use of vaults, public and private, be allowed. The reason given, is, that the loose texture of the soil by which graves are covered, will permit gases to escape, that will render the air more or less impure, and a medium of spreading contagious diseases, while, with regard to vaults, the proposed precautions are to cover the floors with a stratum of lime, and the walls with the same material. In attending to those statements, it must not

be forgotten, that, in the case of graves, the interment of the body must be six feet below the surface; whereas, in the case of a vault, the depth of earth thrown over the mouth of it does not exceed 2 or 3 feet, and the statement of Dr Hosack, is, that by means of the loose texture of the soil in grave Yards, the offensive and impure gases will escape and affect the atmosphere—and the intended statement, or least the inference is, that through the thickness of earth thrown over a vault, the gases will not escape.

But upon comparing and examining these propositions as to graves and vaults, there is the manifest difficulty, which Your Committee cannot solve by any mode of reasoning in their power, or any knowledge, on their part, of the laws of matter, that offensive and impure gases will be more apt to be confined, and to remain, as it were, pent up in a prison house, with a covering of 2 or 3 feet in depth, than if the covering of earth were of six feet in depth—unless, indeed, the proposed covering [361] of the floor and walls of the vault, with lime, is to have the, effect of neutralizing these gases or preventing their escape—and the more especially and the more forcibly does the difficulty press itself upon the mind of your Committee, when they consider that the depth of earth over the mouth of a vault being only 2 or 3 feet in thickness were greater; and when they consider, also, that the ground thrown over the mouth of a vault is removed, and consequently rendered more loose and porus, with every new deposit of a dead body, which, in the case of a, public vault, is done every few weeks or months, and in the case of a private or family vault, is done every few years; Whereas, in the case of a grave, the presumption is, that it will never be disturbed, or at least until the process of putrefaction is at an end, and the body is reduced to its native dust. And it must be added, that vaults may and do contain many bodies, but graves contain but one. Your Committee cannot, therefore, but believe, that there is something wrong either in the premises, or in the reasoning of the learned author; and the cause of truth, in the opinion of your Committee, requires that the error, if there be one, should be promptly and explicitly understood.

And, as your Committee think, the error lies in supposing that the prohibition ought to be extended to graves, and that vaults should be tolerated; in other words, they are of opinion that the reverse of the proposition of Dr Hosack would be far [362] more correct—since it is, and must be apparent, that the practice of interment in graves, is by far the most harmless and inconsiderable fraction of the evils arising from interments—and that this must result with almost mathe-

matical certainty, when we compare the depth of earth used for covering a grave and that used for covering a vault and consider that in the case of a grave, the ground is, or ought never to be disturbed—and that a vault is covered slightly over, and with an express veiw to the removal of its covering—and contains a much greater quantity of putrefactive matter, at a time, than a grave.

Your Committee will now subjoin various certificates, which go to prove the injurious effects of grave yards, and burying places, generally; and if an exception can be found in favor of private vaults, after what has been already exhibited, and may follow hereafter, your Committee will be as much gratified at the discovery, as any Member of this Board can be, who shall make it.

"To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened.

"The petition of the Subscribers, resident in the vicinity of Trinity and S^{t} Paul's churches, respectfully sheweth

"That the burial grounds attached to the above chuches have been in constant use, particularly the former, for a near a century past. That during [363] that period the bodies of thousands after thousands have been interred therein, and that as a necessary consequence, they have now become crow[d]ed to such an excess that it requires the interference of your honorable body.

"That independent of the considerations arising from the health of the city, there are others which although not so immediately, are yet by some equally felt. The Sacrilegious practice of removing the remains of one set of individuals, to make room for those of another, thereby, if not violating the rights of the dead, certainly infringing on the feelings of the living.

"That during every hot season, the effluvia, arising from these cemeteries of corruption, are exceedingly offensive, and necessarily highly deleterious to the health of the surrounding inhabitants.

"Your petitioners represent that in Trinity Church Yard alone, one hundred and eleven have already been buried this year; and as far as observation has extended, in procuring each of them a grave, the remains of some other tenant have been unfeelingly heaped together, and cast into a large vaulted recess, which is now open to public view, the bare inspection of which must convince your honorable body of the force of the suggestions of your petitioners."

The petitioners then pray that further interments may be prohibited in those grounds, and in all other places south of a line to be drawn by the Common [364] Council, Dated March 15th 1822, Signed by

Thomas B. &. A. Stokes, Charles Wiley, Oliver Halstead Anthony W Trappan, P. Flandin, P. L. Vandervoort, Joseph Brewster, Charles Ames, W. B. Gilley, A. J. Voorhees, J. W. Forbes, Curtis Clark, and others.

"We whose names are hereunto subscribed, certify that before and during a part of the time of the prevalence of the late Yellow Fever in New York, we resided in the neighborhood of Trinity Church burying ground; that we were frequently annoyed with the offensive effluvia arising from the said burying ground, and particularly so when the wind swept over its surface, before reaching us. The stench was so powerful, as to oblige many of us, to shut the doors and windows of our stores and dwellings, to keep out the sickening and disagreeable smell; Signed by Joseph Brewster, Richard McKenzie, Henry J. Megarey, William Gale Clark, Pelletreau & Upson, and others.

New York Novr 2. 1822."

Extract of a Letter from Jonathan Fisk, Esquire, to Dr Samuel Akerly, Dated Newburg July 7th 1824.

"Dear Sir—I have received your favour of the 28th ult. You ask me for a statement of the facts I mentioned to you, relating to the Dutch Church Yard, Corner of Liberty and Nassau Streets. During the Summers of 1816 and 1817, I resided at No 39, Liberty Street, directly opposite the Church [365] Yard. In the Hot months when any of the vaults was opened on the side of the yard next to my residence, a very offensive stench was emitted from the vault, to such a degree, that we were compelled to shut the door and windows looking into the yard. Being frequently annoyed with this nuisance, I remonstrated with the sexton against his opening the vaults in the morning, and permitting them "to remain open during the day to the annoyance of the neighbourhood. His reply was "that it would be as much as his life was worth to go into the vault, until it had stood open some time to air." I applied to the Mayor to correct the proceeding. He said it was a subject of so much feeling with the Citizens that the Corporation would not interfere to regulate interments."

It appears to your Committee, on inquiring of the City Inspector, that in this Church Yard, there are 7 public, and 46 private vaults.

Your Committee have further evidence in their possession as to this Church Yard, showing, "that when the vaults in it have been opened, they have emitted very disagreeable effluvia, so much so that the family occupying the house adjoined it on the Cedar Street side, complained and occassionaly Clossed the windows opening into the yard, to

exclude the disagreeable effluvia arising from an open vault. That it was said also, that persons who had been about the entrance of open vaults in that yard, were sensibly affected [366] by the stench, which produced a disordered stomach."

Your Committee will now bring to a conclusion their collection of documentary evidence, by introducing the following presentment of the Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, in the December term of the Court of Sessions of the Year 1822, which the Common [Council] will recollect was immediately after the visitation of Yellow Fever in that year.

"December Term, 1822.

"General Court of Sessions.

"The Grand Jury in and for the City and County of New York, in terminating their legal duties, feel it incumbent upon them to present to the Legislature of the State, a few remarks upon the epedemic which lately prevailed in this City with such reflections as the nature of the calamity is calculated to suggest. It is well known, that our City has been at several periods afflicted with a disease, known by the name of Yellow Fever, which has been more or less fatal, according to the heat of the season.

"Privations and Sufferings have been severely felt, during the existence of the calamity, but in a great degree lost sight of, in the bustle and activity incident to returning health, and it is reasonable to suppose that unless the subject meets with the early and earnest attention of our public authorities, by the adoption of prudent and timely measures, the same causes may produce the same effects, [367] and the lives of our Citizens, and the prosperity of our City become annually hazarded.

"The Grand Jury will not permit themselves to go into any abstract view of the causes which produce Yellow Fever; nor will they adopt the different theories or arguments of the Medical profession on this subject.

"It is generally admitted that the Yellow Fever is not an epedemic disease of our climate, but originates from causes within our control. It is either imported from unhealthy climates in southern latitudes, or is generated by impure causes in our City; consequently both sources of disease should be provided against. In presenting this subject to the attention of the court, it is the *at*[in]tention of the Grand Jury most respectfully to recommend the adoption of such extensive, permanent, and efficient measures, that with the aid of Divine Provi-

dence, our City may in future be exempt from this dreadful pestilence."

And after enumerating various means of prevention against the attacks of Yellow Fever and of preserving the public health, they proceed to remark, that "much discussion has taken place and some diversity of opinion expressed on the subject of Interment within the populous parts of the City. The Grand Jury are of opinion, that the custom is highly obnoxious, and may be one [368] of the exciting causes of disease in a climate so peculiarly affected by the heat of Summer. They beg leave therefore strongly to urge its discontinuance. They are aware that on this subject strong predjudices are to be encountered; these however will yield to the pressing call of public safety, and the urgent necessity of guarding the public health. On this subject there impressions may be incorrect, but if there exists the remotest possibility; that Interments within the City may be productive of disease, there can be no hesitation in saying that the practice should be discontinued."

Which presentment was signed by all the Grand Jury, to wit:

Stephen Price	James Warner	John. S. Avery
Wm B. Crosby	Philip Hone	Hy. Breevoort Jr
Francis Cooper	Noah Brown	Stephen Gould
James Heard	Mathew Reed	Whitehed Hicks
Thomas Callender	Wm Cairnes	Stephen Baker
Duncan P. Campbell	Herman Thorn	

The Committee since there appointment, have received a Communication from Dr Samuel L. Mitchell on this all-important Subject, which they deem it proper to submit to the Common Council.

"New York, May 30. 1825.

"To the Law Committee of the Common Council.

"I write you a few lines pursuant [369] to your request. It has pleased the Creator to ordain that all organized beings in this world, should have but a temporary enjoyment of life; or in other words should die. Man is included in this solemn decree.

"By reason of the power he possesses to procure subsistence, the numbers of his species increase; and his gregarious dispositon leads to the construction of Villiages and Cities.

"Among other considerations forcing upon the minds of the living; is that of the manner of disposing of themselves when dead, as well as of their fellow creatures who take no heed about it.

"By the departure of life, all the social, moral, agreeable, and

useful connexions are dissolved. The defunct individual, however agreeable or lively before, now becomes offensive and disgusting, and the early and Correct dictate of nature was to remove such an inanimate being from the presence and Society of the living, or to render it harmless.

"Various expedients have been employed to dispose of the dead. In some nations they have been occasionly consumed by fire, as among the Romans at times. The Hindoos throw human carcasses into the sacred water of the Ganges. In the Polynesian Islands and along the Colombia and Missouri Rivers, it is common to place a deceased Chief in his canoe, or on a stage, and leave him to [370] putrify in the open air. The ancient Egyptians were fond of embalming. But the prevailing practice has been to deposit the dead in the earth.

"There were two modes of doing this; one by close inhumation in graves, and the other by loose inhumation in caverns or vaults, natural or artificial. There the bodies were left to rot, or to undergo spontaneous decomposition But even in these cases the natural horror produced by death and its unavoidable deformity, led to the establishment of burial places at considerable distances from the abodes of the living.

"So the practice seems to have been among the Hebrews of old, and the Mahometans of the present day. It is chiefly among Christians, especially of the Roman or Western Church, that innovations have been made upon the ancient and immemorial mode of interment. This arose from the desire of the faithful to lie in consecrated ground, and to enjoy the supposed benefit of Christian burial. This religious sentiment filled the Church yards, and in process of time the substructures of the churches themselves, with human corruption. In the course of ages, this begot such a nuisance in various places of worship in Italy and France, as to call for public correctives.

"Our Protestants especially such of them as do not consecrate ground nor, perform a burial service, ought to renounce magnanimously, the [371] accumulation of this filth and impurity, around and under the houses for devotional exercise.

"It has been said that the earth purifies the contents of the grave. It does this precisely upon the same principle, that water in cleansing clothes becomes itself foul—and towels and handkerchiefs grow unclean in proportion to the filth they remove.

"If the practice of impregnating the same soil again and again be long enough repeated, it must at length become saturated and finally supersaturated. The public ordinance stops the evil at an early stage;

and I earnestly hope that so impure and unnatural, as well as unnecessary a Custom, will not be renewed.

Truly and with great esteem and regard,
Yours,
Samuel L Mitchell."

Your Committee have now submitted to the Common Council, some of the facts and circumstances, with which they have become acquainted on the subject of Interment, and the propriety of its continuance, in the populous parts of our city; and unless they greatly deceive themselves, the current of authority as shown from history, and the weight of evidence as drawn by fair introduction from these facts and circumstances; so well as from opinions and observations, present their united force in favour of the spontaneous dictate [372] of nature, and of inspiration itself, which each individual is disposed to adopt, and in the language of the latter to say, "let me bury my dead out of my sight."

The construction of this phrase so full of meaning, and so expressive of sorrow, is furnished to us by our own experience and reflections; and accordingly, when death has passed before us in terrible and desolating majesty, and the Wife of our bosom, or the Child of our love, the parent to whom we are bound by the ties of consanguinity and affection, or the friend with whom we have held sweet converse, has been torn from our embrace and has ceased to delight our existence, and after we have committed the remains to the tomb, how naturally and with what prompitude do we choose the sequestered shade, and the bosom of solitude, to contemplate at intervals the memory of the beloved and departed object of our affections. And if in that shady retreat, and in the depth of that solitude, the mound should be raised, and the stone be placed, which should remind us of the form and recall the name of that object, how sacred would be the retreat and how amply should we experience the pious consolations and the joy springing out of sorrow, at our periodical visit to the grave, compared with a walk through our church yards in the midst of our city, interrupted [373] as we are, by the bustle, and noise, and the sports that are around us.

And it will be found accordingly, that our ancestors, and predecessors, were not unmindful of the evident propriety that exists in nature, as well as that which results from experience and observation, on this subject.

The first Charter of our City, which bears date the 22nd April, 1686,

referring to the burial place then recently established and thereby granted to the City, and which is now attached to the Trinity Church, at the head of Wall Street, calls it "The new burial place, without the Gate of the City," and grants it by that discription.

At that period the population must have been, as well as can be calculated, about 4000, (as according to Dr Morse and Mr Spafford, in 1697 it was 4302,) and was as must be supposed, confined to the neighbourhood of Coentis Slip, and Great Dock Street, Of course the burial place was not only without the Gate, but was a considerable distance from the busy and densely inhabited portion, of our then infant City.

The Jew's burying ground, the remnant of which is now in the rear of the Tradesmans Bank, between James and Oliver Streets, was purchased by that people on the 17th December, 1729. And we all have heard, for few of our Oldest Citizens [374] can now remember) what was the distance of that ground from the then thickly inhabited parts of the City—it was in familiar language 'far out of town'—and the then population of our City may be computed at about 8000. The Ground of the Brick Presbyterian Church was leased to their trustees by the Common Council of this City on the 25 of February, 1766. Your Committee will now take up the time of the board, by discribing, what was as they understand, the state of the City at that time as to its progress and improvements—but they will state generally that this site was far beyond the dense population, and that the present Park Grounds, were enclosed, and continued so to be, until within the recollection of your present Committee, and were called, and the appearance justified the appellation, "The Fields." The Lease was to the Ministers, Trustees, &c. of the angular piece of ground on which the Church then stood, on condition that they should enclose the same and erect a Church thereon, or on a part thereof, or use the same, or a part thereof, for a Cemetery or Church Yard, and not appropriate the same to private uses.

At that time the population of our City did not exceed 14 or 15,000, as according, to Dr Morse, in 1756, it was 13.040. Our census shows that in 1820, our population had increased to 123.706. and it may now be estimated at not far from [375] 150.000

In the conclusion of this part of their Report Your Committee cannot avoid presenting (on account of the exact similarity of the circumstances described, as applicable to our City) the following

extract from an account as published relating to Liverpool, connected with a description of "the Low Hill Cemetery," in the neighbourhood of that City.

"But whatever diversity of opinion may prevail respecting the modes or ceremonies observed in the disposal of the body after death, the places selected for the interment of the dead, in every country, have been as far removed as possible from the busy haunts of men.

"The burying Grounds, which deface our native town, appear to form, indeed, a striking exception to this rule, but we must observe as some apology for the unsightly appearance of graves and tomb stones in the immediate vicinity of our Streets, that the living have obtruded upon the dead, whose dormitories were not formerly, as they now are, in the very centre *Centre* of a dense population."

Your Committee will now state that, as appears from their former Report, there have been but 51 Interments within the prohibited limits since the present law went into operation, which [376] was in June 1823. That, during the Year preceeding the Ordinance, there were 821 interments within those limits, and there are within the said limits, 87 Public or Church Vaults, and 417 private or family vaults.

In regard to the claims of the owners of private vaults for permission to use them, they have been previously discussed by Your Committee, and they have only to add, that the pathetic and affecting considerations which have been urged upon Your Committee, besides those previously stated, arising from domestic and family attachments, and devout preparedness for death, with referrence to the chosen and consecrated spot, where are deposited the remains of their ancestors, and brethren of the same religious faith with themselves, are most powerfully addressed to the sympathies and social feelings of our natures—and will no doubt be respected by the Common Council, and produce on their part the same difficulty that your Committee do most readily acknowledge has embarassed them throughout the enquiry, of reconciling the considerations of public duty on the one hand, with feelings of private attachment on the other—and, in such a struggle, Your Committee are compelled, as others have done before them to give to the scale, in which are placed the interests of the public, the preponderance—and to declare their inability to sanction a compliance with the wishes of their neighbours, their friends, [377] and their fellow citizens, when they are placed in the opposite Scale.

As it regards another question not embraced in the present referrence, and therefore not before your Committee, of compensation to the owners of vaults, it is one which is always open for the decision of

this board; but for the reason just given, if not for another arising from the pendency of suits, for and against this Board, as stated in their former Report, particularly the one brought by the Trustees of the Brick Church against the Common Council, your Committee abstain from any opinion at present on this subject.

Your Committee therefore conclude, by recommending the following resolutions:

I. Resolved that it is [in]expedient to alter the present law on the subject of interment, as requested by the Petitioners.

II. Resolved, That it be recommend to the Churches, and religious societies to extend their places of interment as far as possible beyond the line of Grand Street, and not to permit the deposite of a large and inconvenient number of dead bodies, in any tomb or vault, in any one field or inclosure.

III [378] Resolved, That the Committee on lands and places, be and they are hereby requested, to proceed with dispatche in the preparation of the city burying ground, for the purposes to which it has been appropriated, so that this board may have it in their power to accommodate the churches and religious societies, as well as individuals, with ground for interment, if such an arrangement should become desirable.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) J Cowdrey
E. W. King

The question was taken on agreeing to the first resolution of the Committee, and was carried in the affirmative. A division having been called by Mr Dunscomb, the members voted as follows:

Affirmative M[r] Recorder Ald King Cowdrey Webb Reed Mann Taylor Ostrander Mess[rs] S[t] John Agnew Burtsell Hedden & Cox

Negative Alderman Wyckoff Ireland Davis Mr Bolton Hone Dunscomb Rathbone

The Second and third Resolutions were then adopted.

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JUNE 20, 1825 TO NOVEMBER 7, 1825

[1] In Common Council. June 20th 1825.

Present. The Honble Wm Paulding Mayor President
Richd Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Samuel St. John
Elisha W King	Philip Hone
William H Ireland	John Agnew
Samuel Cowdrey	William Burtsell
John Webb	Josiah Hedden
Matthew Reed	Jameson Cox
Asa Mann	Danl E Dunscomb
Jacob B Taylor	William P Rathbone
William A Davis	
Gideon Ostrander.	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of John Vandewater for Stall No 9 Grand Street market, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition for a Well and pump at the corner of 2nd Avenue and 25th Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Arnout Brown [2] for Office of Inspector of Fire Wood in place of Charles Roe, deceased, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of a number of Inhabitants pursuing the business of Silver Smiths stating that from the late encreased demand for charcoal the number of Inspectors is not sufficient and praying another may be appointed, and recommending William Hogencamp for that Office was read & referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Thomas J *Couney* [Conrey] for Office of Inspector of Firewood, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Francis Barretto Junr for permission to erect an Iron railing at his house corner of Chamber and Church Street, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 3rd Ward with powers.

A Petition of Valentine Merkle for Stall No 12 Washington Market now occupied by Isaac Vaughn who is willing to relinquish the same, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Caleb Angevine occupant of Stall No 3 Catharine

market [3] requesting he may be permitted to relinquish the same and that Stall N° 5 Greenwich Market may be assigned to him, was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the intersection of Broome & Attorney Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 10th Ward and Street Commissioner with powers.

Two Petitions from a number of Inhabitants praying that the slaughtering of Animals in the improved parts of the City may be prohibited, and that slaughter houses may be directed to be removed to the margins of the rivers, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Rapelye & Dyckman Contractors of Street manure praying that certain fines said to be incurred by them may be remitted, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of John S Van Kleeck and Jacob Acker Inspectors of Fire wood for 11th District praying no Inspector may be appointed for said District in place of Charles Roe deceased as the business of said District is not sufficient for more than two Inspectors, was referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

[4] A Petition of Willett Seaman to be appointed to take the Census of the 4th Ward, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Abraham Cole to be restored to the Office of Measurer of Grain stating that his not reporting himself agreeably to the Resolution of the Common Council arose from his being at that time confined by sickness, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants for the alteration and improvement of Catharine Market, and the building an additional market for the accommodation of Country people and Fishermen, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from A Ely expressing a desire to lay before the Common Council a communication on the subject of Education and Common Schools, was presented and referred to Alderman Cowdrey.

An Invitation from the Governors of the New York Hospital to visit the Bloomingdale Asylum on tuesday the 21st Instant at 2 Oclock, was presented and accepted

A Petition from the Nautical Society, from Officers of the United States [5] Navy, and Watchmakers and Dealers in the City in behalf of the petition of B & S Demilt for the lease of the Old Flag Staff at the Battery for Astronomical purposes, was read and referred to the Committee on Lands and places

A Petition of Joseph G Swift & D S Griswold. Assignees under the Lease to Samuel Evans, Deceased, of the Ferry from Walnut Street in New York to Little Street on Long Island. requesting permission to transfer said Lease to James B Clark, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Silas Butler and James B Clarke stating that they have purchased the Lease of the Ferry from foot of Walnut Street in New York to Little Street on Long Island—that they find the location of the Ferry at Little Street inconvenient in the Winter Season that they would alter the location to Jackson Street, and would make the necessary blocks and floats by which considerable expense would be incurred and they would therefore request an extension of the Lease for 21 Years—which being read was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of John K Townsend praying a reduction of the rent reserved on the Lease to him of the Public Docks and Slips of the first and Second districts [6] was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Grand and Bancker Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 7th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Cornelius Bogert, J Pintard, Jacob F Hagerdorn and George Dixey Executors of John Scudder Deceased, praying an extension of the Lease of the American Museum for ten Years, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition to have Chamber Street repaved between Broadway and Church Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial from Robert Lindley Murray and others remonstrating against any alteration in the line of opening Cliff Street as at first proposed and praying it may be carried into [effect] upon the said original plan, was referred to the Street Committee

Another remonstrance against opening Cliff Street upon any old or New plan signed by Elkanah Doolittle and others was presented & read, and the same being considered [7] as couched in indecorous language it was ordered Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A remonstrance of Peter Schermerhorn and Sons Owners of Rope Walks situated near North Street stating that if the proposed opening of Second Street be carried into effect, it will be attended with great loss to them, and praying said improvement may not now be made was read and referred to the St. Committee.

A Petition that Vandam Street be paved from Varick to McDougall St. was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Bell to be relieved from a penalty incurred on removing two Buildings in the Streets was referred to the Police Committee

A remonstrance of Francis Cooper against paving Thompson Street was read and referred to the St. Committee

A Petition of Ozias Osborn to be appointed to take the Census of the 8th Ward, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of William Haggerty Master of Sloop Sappho complaining of the conduct of John B Soper Wharfinger, and of a Judgement recovered against [8] him for not removing his Vessel when ordered (unjustly as he deems) by said Soper and praying to be relieved from the Judgement recovered against him was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Issachar Cozzens for Office of Inspector of Fire Wood was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A remonstrance from the Trustees of the African Church in Christie St. remonstrating against granting the prayer of the petition to prohibit further Interments in the Cemetry of said Church was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

An Invitation of the Lessees of Castle Garden to pass the evening of the 4th July at said Castle Garden with General La Fayette, was referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

A Memorial of John Cauldwell and others complaining of the inefficient execution of the Law for cleaning Streets and praying relief —was referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A proposal from Messrs Collins & Co to print the Report of the Law Committee on Interments at their own expense for sale and to furnish a Copy to each [9] Member was agreed to on condition that the printing of the same was done under the direction of the Law Committee.

A Petition of the Contractors of Street Manure that the Street Law may be so amended as to make Hammond Street on Bank Street the line, and that they be permitted to load Vessels in the rear of the State prison Dock, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 9th Ward with power.

The Market Committee on the petition of Matthias and Joseph Smith for Stall No 69 Fulton Market and No 3 same Market reported in favour as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Matthias Smith and Joseph B Smith, beg leave respectfully [to] report.

That the petitioner Matthias Smith now occupies the Stand N° 3 Fulton Market and is desirous to remove to Stand N° 44 in said Market at present occupied by Jacob Patchen.

And your other petitioner Joseph B Smith, who has served a regular apprenticeship to his Brother, the above named Matthias Smith, is desirous to obtain a License for Stand N° 3 on the removal of his Brother.

[10] Your Committee being satisfied that the applicants, are respectable men, and proper persons to receive the licenses, and the Chairman having received from Jacob Patchin, a verbal consent to relinquish the Stand N° 44 to Matthias Smith, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, that a Butchers license be granted to Matthias Smith for the Stand N° 44 Fulton Market.

Resolved, that a Butchers license be granted to Joseph B Smith for the Stand N° 3 Fulton Market.

Signed Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee presented a Resolution. directing the Superintendant of Repairs to Whitewash and Paint Fulton Market, Washington Market and the upper Market at Catharine Slip, which was adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of William Ostrander Weigher in Fulton Market respecting his fees, reported as following.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Wm Ostrander weigher in Fulton Market, for an alteration of the rates of fees for weighing beg leave respectfully to report.

[11] That in their opinion the alterations suggested by Mr. Ostrander are judicious and proper, and your Committee have prepared a draft of an Ordinance for the amendment of the Act passed Novr 22nd 1824 which is herewith submitted for the consideration of the Board.

(Signed) Philip Hone
William H Ireland
Matthew Reed

Which was approved and the Law recommended was passed under the Title of a Law to amend a Law entitled a Law to regulate weighing in Fulton Market.

The Committee on the Fire department to whom had been referred the subject of building public cisterns reported as follows. viz.

The Committee on the Fire department to whom was referred the resolution for building public Cisterns, to contain Water for the purpose of extinguishing fires—Report, that they have had the same advertised for objections (if any there should be to the building of the same) and that no objections having been offered except to the one proposed to be built at the corner of Broome and Greene Streets, accordingly they submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare Ordinances accordingly except as to the one [12] at the corner of Broome and Greene Streets and the One, at the corner of Chatham Square and Harman Streets.

Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
John Agnew

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of John L Lawrence for relief from Tax reported in his favour.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of John L Lawrence stating an error to have been made by the Assessors of the first Ward upon his personal estate respectfully report.

That it appears to the satisfaction of your Committee by the certificate of said Assessors that the said petitioner ought not to have been assessed upon his personal estate over the sum of two thousand dollars, Therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the Collector of the first Ward, be directed to collect from John L Lawrence Esquire, such taxes as may be receivable upon his personal estate amounting to two thousand dollars.

Josiah Hedden
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
Wm A Davis
Saml Cowdrey

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[13] The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips on the complaint of the Inspectors of Firewood of evasions of the Law reported against the same as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of the Inspectors of fire Wood have examined the same and are of Opinion no relief can be given under the present law, and

believe it is unnecessary to alter the Ordinance at present; and therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved. that it is inexpedient to Grant the prayer of the petitioners.

John Webb
Asa Mann
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Matthew Reed
John Agnew

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the petition for extention of pier at Chamber Street, reported in favour as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Chamber Street to have the pier extended and T at the head having examined the said pier are of opinion the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted in part and therefore offer the following [14] resolution

Resolved that there be One Block sunk on the North side of the pier recently built at the foot of Chambers Street and a Bridge to connect it with said Pier, and that the Street Commissioner advertise for proposals for the same without delay.

John Webb
Asa Mann
Signed Wm H Ireland
Matthew Reed
John Agnew

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for Well and pump in Le Roy Street near Hudson Street reported in favour as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eight Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for a Well and pump in LeRoy Street near Hudson Street, Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) Danl E Dunscomb
R Graves.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[15] The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and Pump in Clarkson near Hudson Street reported in favour as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and pump near the intersection of Hudson and Clarkson Street, report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D. E. Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and pump in Varick near Hammersly Street reported in favour.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for a Well and pump near the intersection of Varick and Hammersly Street, Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted.

[16] Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D E Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and pump at the corner of 6th Avenue and 4th Street reported in favour as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of the Sixth Avenue and Fourth Street Report, that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D. E Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward, and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and Pump corner of Broome and Wooster Street reported in favour as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for a Well and Pump near the intersection [17] of Broome and Wooster Streets, Report their opinion by the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D E Dunscomb
R Graves.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner on Petition for a Well and Pump Corner of Varick and King Street reported in favour as follows.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for a Well and pump near the intersection of Varick and King Streets,

Report, that they are of the opinion the request of the petitioners should be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D. E. Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of William Post to build part of a Cistern in Orange Street, reported in favor as follows. viz

[18] The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of W^{m} & Girardus Post for permission to build part of a Cistern in Orange St. adjoining their Lot, Report that they see no objections to granting their request on the usual terms, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted on the usual terms as in case of Vaults

Jacob B Taylor
(Signed) D E. Dunscomb
R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of George Bruce presented the following report.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of George Bruce, That the petitioner holds a lease of a lot in Augustus Street from the Corporation, and wishes either to purchase the same in fee from the Corporation, or to be released from a condition in the lease requiring him to erect a building on the premises, on or before the 26th June instant—considering that the lot in question, if it remains vacant will be much more advantageous to the public in that vicinity than if it was built upon, Your Committee have no hesitation in [19] recommending that the petitioner be released from the necessity of building a house on the premises, Your Committee are also of the opinion that it is inexpedient to sell the said lot in fee, and they offer for the consideration of the board the following resolution.

Resolved, that the said George Bruce be released from the aforesaid condition of building a house on the lot in question, during the continuance of his lease, provided that he shall from time to time enclose the said lot in front on the Street in a good fence, according to the directions and subject to the approval of the Street Commissioner

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell.

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of the Society for the improvement of the character and usefulness of Domestic Servants for the use of the Room reported in favor as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of the Society for improving the character & usefulness of Domestic Servants, That the Society wish the board to consent that they may be permitted to occupy the Room in the New York Institution [20] lately occupied by the Savings Bank, The Room in question was heretofore permitted to be occupied with other rooms by the Academy of Fine Arts, until the first of May next, The Society of Fine Arts have assented to the Petitioners establishing their Office in the aforesaid Room, and the consent of the Corporation to that arrangement is now solicited—Your Committee considering the probable usefulness and value of the Society in question, can see no reason why the permission solicited by them should not be granted, and they accordingly offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved, that the aforesaid Society be permitted to occupy the Said Room until the first day of May next, when the other priviliges in the New York Institution cease.

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
(Signed) Sam[l] Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

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[22] The Watch Committee on the petition of Henry Leek, Captain of City Watch for relief from expenses incured, reported in his favour as follows.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Henry Leek, one of the Captains of the City Watch for relief from expenses incured in the exercise of his official duties.

Report, That upon examining the subject find that Captain Leek was arrested some time in the month of April of 1824, on certain alleged charges, that occured while in the discharge of his duties as one of the Captains of the City Watch—Inasmuch as your Committee are fully convinced that Captain Leek did not act otherwise than his duties required of him they recommend that this Board repay to him the following sums which he has expended in defending said suit—viz

To Hugh Maxwell Esq[r] for Counsel fee	$25
To Wm S Sears Esq[r] for Costs	22
To P C Van Wyck Esq[r] for " in prosecuting s[d] suit	58

To bring this subject fully before the Board, your Committee would submit for your consideration the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting of the Board in favour of Henry Leek for One hundred and five dollars being expenses incurred by him in discharge [23] of his official duties as Captain of the City Watch

Respectfully submitted

Jameson Cox
Wm P Rathbone
(Signed) Wm Burtsell
Philip Hone
Josiah Hedden

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of 5th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition of J Balistier respecting a Well and Pump in Beach Street reported in his favour as follows. viz.

The Alderman and Assistant of the fifth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition of J Balistier for permission to introduce a pipe into the Well near his premises in Beach Street. Report that they have *received* [viewed] the premises and are of the opinion that it will be (if permitted) no injury to the Well, as it will have no connection whatever with the Pump therein, and as Mr Balistier was at the sole expence of building the Well, your Committee think it but reasonable that he should have the privilege asked for in his petition.

Accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the request of the petitioner be granted.

John Webb
William Burtsell
[24] (Signed) R Graves

Which was approved & the resolution adopted

The Counsel presented a communication, stating that by the Contract of the Contractors for Street Manure they were not to let out or assign any part of the Contract without the consent of the Corporation, but that in violation of that contract they had farmed out a part of the same—Which having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

The Counsel presented the following Resolution for extending Ridge Street and Attorney Street from Broome to Division Street. which was adopted.

Resolved; That it is desirable for the public convenience to extend Ridge Street and Attorney Street in the tenth Ward of this City from Broome Street to Division Street, as said Ridge Street is designated on a map of the property required for opening of Ridge Street from Division Street to Broome Street, dated New York June 13. 1825, and as said Attorney Street is designated on a map of the property required for the opening of Attorney Street from Division Street to Broome Street, dated New York June 13 1825, both of which said maps were made by Geo. B Smith City Surveyor (the said Ridge Street and Attorney St. being Streets in that part of the City not laid out into Streets, Avenues, Squares, [25] and Public places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by

virtue of the Act entitled "An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes" passed April 3rd 1807) and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done, and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in order that the same may be carried into effect.

He also presented a petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to extend Ridge and Attorney Streets, which was directed to be duly authenticated

The Street Committee on the petition of J Cram, reported that it was inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner which was approved.

The following were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies, viz

Fire Wardens of the 1st Ward

Gerard C Aycrigg, Watch maker 5 Wall St.
Vs. J N Stanford, Resigned,

William A F Pentz, Druggist, 45 Water St.
Vs. David Johnson, Resigned,

[26] Fire Hose Co No 1.

William Bookhout Carpenter 137 Pump St.
Vs John L Ackerman, Time Expired

Supply Engine Co No 1

John Earle, Grocer, 95 Duane St.
Vs William King, Time Expired

Thomas H Faile Grocer, 60 Mott St
Vs Ernest Keyser, Time Expired

Joseph Barnes Brewer, 63 Cross St.
Vs Isaac N Townsend, Time Expired

Fire Engine Co No 1

Robert Saggendorf, Carpenter Broadway
Vs. John L Bancker Resigned

William Hoffmire, Grocer, Duane St
Vs. Joseph Swartwout Time Expired

Fire Engine Co No 4

John Adams Brass Founder 160 William
Vs. Joseph W Beadell Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 5

Francis Ferry Accountant 84 Broadway
Vs. Bernard Coleman, Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 8.

Walter Florentin Painter 75 Mott St
Vs. Isaac Carpenter, Resigned
James Sherman Painter Mulberry St Vs. Isaac Gulick Resigned
James Davis Sh[t] I Worker 28 Grand St.
Vs. Nath[l] Carpenter, Resigned,

Fire Engine C° N° 9

William V Smith, Chair Maker 107 Washing[n] St
Vs. Jacob H Dawson, Resigned
William D Swan Accountant 97 Greenwich
Vs. John J Dawson, Resigned

[27] Fire Engine C° N° 12.

Walter Welsh Brush Maker 64 Ann St.
Vs. Robert Brown, Resigned
Alexander Kevan Accountant 310 Pearl St.
Vs. John L Banker, Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 13

Daniel M[c]F Smith Accountant Gold St
Vs. Thomas Edwards Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 16

William C Titus Shoe Maker 314 Water St
Vs Tysac Hodges, Time Expired
William J Valentine Taylor, 54 Lombardy St
V[s] Aaron Smith, Time Expired
John J Deforeest Grocer, 72 John St
V[s] Richard W Slack, Time Expired

Fire Engine C° N° 19

Michael Caywood, Mason 31 Orchard St.
V[s] James Reynolds, Time Expired.

Fire Engine C° N° 26

William C Brooks, Cartman Allen St.
V[s] Henry Townsend Jn[r] App[d] Warden

Fire Engine C° N° 29

William Merrill Labourer, Hammond St,
V^s Peter Chittry, Resigned

Alfred L Winnens, Labourer, Washington St
V^s Halsted Blauvelt Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 37

Edward H Moores Painter 53 Spring St.
V^s Joseph Baxter, Time Expired

Lewis Parketton, Smith, 274 Grand St.
V^s William Gilmore, Time Expired.

Fire Engine C° N° 38

Joseph Whaley, Milkman, Bowery
V^s Augustus Cregier, Resigned.

[28] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and pump in Washington Street near Clarkson Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented an assessment for regulating and paving Pitt St. from Division to Stanton Street which was confirmed and Morris D^eCamp appointed Collector.

He also recommended that a Collector be appointed on the Assessment for opening the 6^th Avenue from 13^th Street to Love lane at 21^st Street as the time to which the opening of that Avenue was postponed expires on the first of July next, Whereupon Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector of the same.

He also presented a communication on the subject of widening Water Street as follows. viz.

The Street Commissioner begs leave, respectfully to inform the Common Council, that he has within a few days observed a Building erecting on the southerly side of Water Street, on the Lots belonging to Samuel and Benjamin Akerly, and on a line leaving Water Street but 45 feet wide at that place—according to the grant made of that property to Hendrick Rutgers [29] that Street is reserved but forty five feet and on that Grant the Mess^rs Akerlys claim their right—although by a verbal agreement of all the owners that Street was to be opened to 50 feet in width, and the buildings which have been built on the Southerly side correspond therewith, except those now erecting on the Lots before mentioned—in order therefore to preserve the uniformity of that Street it becomes necessary that immediate measures should be adopted to prevent if possible any encroachment on the

intended width thereof, and as it is not probable the Messrs Akerly, will now desist, inasmuch as that they were told before they commenced the buildings, of the impropriety of such a measure—the Street Commissioner would respectfully recommend that the subject be referred to the Counsel of the Board to take the necessary measures for having the same opened under the Statute by Commissioners.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R Graves
St. Commr

Which was accepted and referred accordingly to the Counsel to take legal measures for opening the same.

He also presented a Report on the petition respecting the Sewer in Roosevelt Street, which was referred to the Street Committee.

[30] He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed. viz

for a Well and Pump in LeRoy Street, and Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Junr and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well and pump in Hudson St. near Clarkson Street, John Targee, Benjamin Prince and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well and pump in 4th Street near 6th Avenue, Isaac Kip, Cary Dunn Junr and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well and pump in Wooster Street between Broome and Spring Street, John Salisbury, Isaac Kip and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well and pump near the intersection of King and Varick Streets Cary Dunn Junr Francis Peckwell and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

Also for paving Thompson St. from Bleecker to Fourth Street, John Salisbury, Cary Dunn Junr & Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors.

Also for 2 public Cisterns at Saint Thomas' Church Broadway, Cary Dunn Junr Isaac Kip and John Salisbury were appointed Assessors.

Also for 2 public Cisterns corner of Grand and Mercer Street, Cary Dunn Junr Isaac Kip and John Salisbury were appointed Assessors.

[31] Also for a public Cistern at Free School No 5. Benjamin Prince, Abraham Dally and John Brower were appointed assessrs

Also for two public Cisterns at the Bowery Church. John Targee, John Brower and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for a public Cistern at the Essex Market, Isaac Kip, John Targee and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors.

Also for building two public Cisterns at the Methodist Church in Allen Street Benjamin Prince, John Targee & Abraham Dally were appointed assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed. viz

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances, viz,

No	1	D Feeney	Occupt	414	Greenwich	A Lot
	2	A Ross	Owner		Broadway	"
	3	Wm D Blackwell	do		do	"
	4	Js McIntyre	Occupt		Canal St	"
	5	Peter A Jay	Owner		Mott St	"
	6	Andrew Jackson	Lessee		Bancker St	"
	7	John Beekman	Owner		Willet St	"
	8	Richd Riker	do		do	"
	9	S Cornell	do	196	Broome St	"
	10	Thome Scott	do		do	"
	11	Benj Cooper	do		Washington St	"
	12	Js. Buchanan	Occupt		do	"
	13	M West	Owner		Norfolk St	"
	14	Che W Sandford	do		Suffolk St	"
	15	[32] Anthy Lamb	do		do	"
	16	do	do		do	"
	17	William Ogilvie	do		Stanton St	"
	18	Saml Norsworthy	do	149	Bowery	A privy

Respectfully Submitted

Geo Cuming
City Inspr

Alderman Cowdrey presented sundry Resolutions relative to subjects of Police Regulations in the City, which were read and referred to the Police Committee.

Mr Cox presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the places of all the Firemen whose names are not returned by the Companies to which they have respectively belonged, to the Chief Engineer and by him returned to this Board, be considered as having become vacant.

The Report of the Finance Committee on the Petition of Mary Richardson presented on [3d] day of [September, 1824] and laid on the table was now called up and referred again to the Finance Commee

The Petition and remonstrance of Joseph Madden which had been

laid for Consideration, was called up and referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman King Chairman of the Committee on Public Offices stated that [33] the Committee had intended to have recommended Silvester Marius one of the City Weighers for reappointment but his name had been accidentally omitted in their Report—He therefore moved that he be now reappointed which was agreed to.

The Comptroller made the following report.

Balance as per Acct. 6th Inst	78.735.21	
Recd for Streets	10338.46	
" Rents	2.938.62	
" Street Expenses	2.645.50	
" Tax of 1824 6 Ward	2.300.	
" Tavern & Excise Licenses	2000.	
" Mayoralty fees	108.25	
" Fines &c of Sheriff	101.12	
" Intelligence Offices Licenses	100.	
" Commutation Alien passengers	20.	
		99.287.16

25 Accounts Audited

Leek & Conklin Watch 1 Dist	834.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2 do	666.75
Bleakly & Stagg do 3 do	645.75
W S. Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qr Salary 22nd Instant & Expenses	253.50
J Morton Clerk C. C. for Hack hire for Committees &c...	11.50
John Wark, marshall, Attending issuing Tavern Licenses 22 days	27.50
Abrm Leggett Supers & work mud Scow to 19th Inst	144.26
[34] Wm A. Davis Avails of the building late No 30 William Street	302.
Jno McQuin Acct: regulg Christopher and other Streets at Greenwich	300.
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys Costs openg 6th Avenue from 13th St to Lovelane	224.97
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys Costs widenq Pearl St. at Coenties Alley	169.62
H Smith Acct. Cross walks 3rd Ward	100.
S. Fargay reg & pav. public ground at Roosevelt St Slip &c	903.85
G Tucker repairs Sewer Maiden Lane Pearl St. Canal St..	81.12
J Gallagher 1st paymt Well Greene St. near Bleecker St...	51.
G Charlton bal. Well, Clarkson near Greenwich Street....	38.25
Geo. Bowman Supers & labour at Battery	411.56
R Graves St Commissioner Acct. repairs Roads	500.
J Mapes Treasr Institution Deaf & Dumb 6 Months 13 April	200.

J. P Roome	Supert	Repairs	for	repairs	.....	1534.
J P Roome	"	"	for	fire departt	.....	926.
J P Roome	"	"	"	pump do	.....	375.
J P Roome	"	"	"	Watch do	.....	214.
J P Roome	"	"	"	A House do	.....	183.
A Burtis	Supert	Alms House			.....	5000.

Balance $85.188.78

The Board adjourned to meet on friday the 1st July at 4 Oclock P. M.

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[36] In Common Council July 1st 1825

Present The Honble William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thoomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	
John Webb	William Burtsell
Matthew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
William A Davis	
Gideon Ostrander	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of the Mutual Insurance Company of the City of New York, for permission to assign to Henry DeGroot the Lease of Lot. No 185 Common Lands was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Shipmasters Owners of Chronometers recommending that the Flag Staff on the Battery be given to B & S Demilt for Astronomical purposes was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

A similar recommendation from [37] Commre Isaac Chauncey and Capt. George W Rodgers of the United States Navy was read and referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of William F Baker on subject of constructing a Bulkhead on South Street between Catharine and Market Slips praying that measures may be taken that the Lot belonging to the Estate of Robert Macomb may be built upon at the same time with petitioners and others, was referred to the Counsel.

A remonstrance against the petition for a Well and pump at the intersection of Grand and Bancker Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward.

A Petition of Edmund E. Livingston for Office of Measurer of Charcoal, was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition from Whitfield Case and others praying a Law may be passed to compel Dirt Cartmen to have tight boxes for their Carts to prevent them scattering the dirt through the Streets, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants complaining of the danger arising from boys sitting fire to Shavings which are thrown upon open Lots, and to remedy the same they pray that an Ordinance be passed, [38] directing the open Lots between Grand and Broome Streets, extending from Thompson to Laurence Street be enclosed within fences—was read and referred to the Law Committee

A Petition of James Walker for permission to build a Cistern in the Street corner of Greenwich & Spring Streets, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 8th Ward & St Commisr

A Petition from a number of Inhabitance owners and occupants of Lots fronting on Greenwich & Hudson Streets between Charlton and Clarkson Streets complaining of great nuisances existing in open lots within these places and praying said nuisances be removed and that the Lots be ordered to be enclosed within fences, was referred to the City Inspector

A Petition for a Well and Pump in White Street, East side of Collect Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 6th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Matthew Marsh for a License for Stall No 1 Centre Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Circus in Broadway, Stating that scenes [39] of riot and disgraceful excesses are constantly occuring in the Street opposite the Circus which are in their opinion occasioned by that Establishment and that the correction of the same is imperiously demanded from the public Authority—was read & referred to the Police Magistrates.

A Petition of John N. Grentzeback Lessee of Lot No 191 Common Lands requesting that the same may be sold to him in fee, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John H Neucomb for the purchase of Lots No 56. 59 Common Lands—was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Jacob Rapalye and Jacob G Dyckman Contractors

of Street Manure praying for remission of fines incurred—was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of William Baker for Office of Inspector of Firewood.

And a Similar petition from Jacob Van Orden was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of Samuel S Hoyt for Appointment to take Census in the City.

And a Similar petition from John McKesson were read and laid on the table.

[40] The Street Committee on the subject of regulating and repaving Broad Street from Pearl to Wall Street, reported in favour of the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of regulating and repaving Broad Street from Pearl Street to Wall Street, Report, that they are of the opinion, that it is necessary to repave that Street, as it is now broken up in consequence of building a drain therein—they also recommend that the Common Sewer be altered and improved at the head thereof, by constructing Culverts and drains from the side gutters

the Committee accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that Broad Street be repaved from Pearl Street to Wall Street, and that Culverts and drains be constructed near the head of the present Common Sewer

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
(Signed) Asa Mann
Saml St. John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Frederick Beinhauer for purchase of Lot No 67 Common Lands reports in favour as follows.

[41] The Finance Committee, respectfully report, on the annexed petition of Frederick Beinhauer, That the petitioner is Lessee of Lot No Sixty seven of the Common Lands and wishes to purchase the same in fee, That Your Committee have agreed to sell him the same for fifteen hundred dollars, and that Mr. Beinhauer has consented to pay that amount for the same. The Lot is not so large as the other lots of the Common Lands generally are, and the Deed for the same is to exclude the Commissioners Streets. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Counsel prepare the necessary Deed for the above premises agreeably to the preceding Report, and that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board, Mr Beinhauer to pay all the expences.

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
William Burtsell
Saml Cowdrey

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of John Flack, Thomas H Smith, Charles Hall, Nicholas Gouverneur, Thomas L Smith Robert Bayard, Duncan P Campbell and Ferris Pell respecting Water Grants reported as follows. viz.

[42] The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed petition of John Flack and others, for a Water Grant in front of the premises purchased by them from Peter G Stuyversant That the petitioners state that they have purchased the upland between Stuyversant Street and Twenty third Street, but wish to have a Water Grant extending to Tompkins Street, in the direction of the Commissioners Streets, from fifteenth Street to twenty third Street That it appears that in the year 1810, the Corporation made a Grant to N W Stuyversant running easterly in the direction of the southerly side of Stuyversant Street, & consequently to run the grant to be made to the petitioners southerly in the direction of fifteenth Street, would cross the said Stuyversants grant—That the Committee regret that such Grant has been made to Stuyversants but think that it having been made, it cannot be interfered with at all events without the aid of the Legislature—That your Committee, after considering the whole subject, have deemed it advisable, to recommend a Grant to be made to the petitioners according to the following resolution, leaving the question as to the expediency of making a further Grant to the petitioners, until the necessary Act of the Legislature may be obtained—They therefore [43] offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved. that the Counsel prepare a Water Grant, of the land in front of the premises owned by Thomas H Smith Charles H Hall, John Flack, Nicholas Gouverneur, Thomas L Smith, Robert Bayard, Duncan P Campbell and Ferris Pell according to the regulation of that part of the City as made by this board, from 23rd Street to a line running easterly along the northerly side of the Grant heretofore made

to N. W. Stuyversant at the foot of Stuyversant Street, at the rates prescribed in the report of this Committee adopted by the Board on the 7th March 1825, and the usual expences, and containing the usual conditions, covenants, and stipulations; and that the Grant be made out to the above named Gentlemen; provided, that this resolution shall be void and all proceedings under it, unless the said Gentlemen shall comply with its terms, and execute the counterpart of the grant, on or before the first day of August next; and further, that the Water Grant on the part of this board be authenticated during the recess in the usual manner.

Asa Mann
S. Cowdrey
(Signed) H J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[44] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Counsel at last meeting on subject of the Street Contractors, presented the following Report.

The Communication from the Counsel was as follows.

The Counsel considers it his duty respectfully to report to the board, that by the express terms of the present Street Contracts, it is stipulated that the Contractors shall not assign over the lease, or any part thereof, nor farm out to any person under them, any part of the manure or dirt, Having understood that the contractors have farmed out several of the wards, and the collection of the garbage by bell carts throughout the whole City, in violation of their contract; it remains for the board to take such order in relation thereto, as the case may require, The lease may be declared void by a resolution of the board, or an action may be commenced for a breach of the covenant, It will however be necessary to refer the matter to a Committee (in case it is expedient to terminate the Lease) in order to obtain proof of the farming out of the contracts as above stated

respectfully submitted
M Ulshoeffer

The Report of the Committee was as follows.

The Finance Committee respectfully [45] report, on the annexed Communication of the Counsel respecting the Street Contractors, that under all the circumstances of the case, it is inexpedient to take any order as to the sub contracts, or farming out of part of the lease, inasmuch as the Contractors are responsible for the execution of the

Contracts and as this board has never given any consent to the arrangements made by the Contractors,

Your Committee further report, that the Contractors find it necessary to have the Sweeping days somewhat altered, and have applied to your Committee for that purpose, Your Committee accordingly report the enclosed law; which was prepared by the Counsel at the request of the Contractors, providing for the necessary alterations in the Street Laws: and as those alterations are already numerous, it provides that the Street Laws, as now amended, shall be published and authenticated—Your Committee recommend the passage of the Said Laws

All which is respectfully submitted.

Asa Mann
Sam[l] Cowdrey
(Signed) Henry J Wyckoff
W[m] Burtsell

The first section of the Law reported was read and agreed to—The second was then read as follows. viz.

And be it further ordained, That no person shall at any time cast or lay in any street, lane or alley in this City [46] from any Warehouse, manufactory counting room or Store Stable or Cellar (or deliver to any of the Carts employed by the Contractors) any Hay, Straw, paper or Canvass from packages or otherwise, or any rushes or refuse, or whalebone, crockery, moss, leather, rags, or pieces of Cloth or hay, Straw or manure from any stable under the penalty of Ten Dollars for each offence, nor shall the surplus earth, stones or brick be permitted to remain in any Street after excavating the same for the purpose of laying down any works under ground, but that all such articles and things shall be removed by the persons possessing, owning or causing the same at their own expense, but if such articles be cast into the Street the contractor shall remove the same together with the other rubbish of the Street, on the next sweeping day under the penalty of Ten Dollars for each offence, and such contractor may after such removal recover from the persons who ought to have removed the same, double the usual and ordinary charge for removing the same, to be recovered with costs of suit, in any Court having cognizance thereof.

A motion was made by Alderman Ireland to reject the same, A Division having been called the members voted as follows,

Negative, M[r] Recorder Alderman King Wyckoff Mann Mess[rs] Bolton, Burtsell, Cox Schieffelin 8

[47] Affirmative, Alderman Ireland Cowdrey Webb and Ostrander Mr St. John Hone and Hedden—7

So the motion to reject was negatived

The Recorder presented the following amendment,

And be it further Ordained That no person shall at any time Cast or lay in any Street, lane or alley in this City any Hay, Straw, Shavings, Manure, Crockery or Broken Glass, from any Stable or Manufactury, work Shop or warehouse under the penalty of Ten Dollars for each Offence.

The question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative, A division having been called by Alderman Ireland all the Members present voted in the affirmative excepting Alderman Ireland, & Messrs St John and Hone who voted in the Negative.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the whole Law, and a division having been called by Mr Cowdrey the members voted as follows.

Negative, Alderman Ireland, Cowdrey, Webb, Reed and Davis. Messrs St John, Hone, Hedden and Schieffelin—9.

Affirmative, Mr Recorder, Aldern Wyckoff King Mann, & Ostrander Messrs Bolton, Burtsell & Cox 8.

So the Law was rejected.

[48] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mary Richardson reported in her favor as follows. viz.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Mary Richardson, and two several reports of previous Finance Committees thereon; that they refer to said reports as containing a full statement of facts, and this Committee concur in opinion with the two former Committees, who reported on the same subject—They also think, that legal interest ought to be allowed to Mrs Richardson from the 7th July 1823, and they respectfully recommend that the resolution appended to the last Report of the Committee made on this subject 3rd Septemr 1824, be adopted, substituting the sum of $323 15/100, in the place of $294 15/100 which allows interest to this time,

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Asa Mann,
Wm H. Ireland,
S Cowdry,
Henry J Wyckoff,
Wm Burtsell,

The Report of the former Finance Committee referred to in the Report was as follows,

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Mary Richardson, That the petitioner makes the same claim for remuneration from this Board, which was made heretofore by Lydia Healey—That it appears, that B. F Haskins bought at Auction a piece of Ground which was sold for an assessment [49] at the corner of Ridge and Stanton Streets, and sold the same to Mary Richardson the petitioner, who sold the same to one Golden, and that Golden sold the same to Mr. Healey, by whose will it was left to Lydia Healey.

The petitioner Mrs Richardson states that she is compelled to repurchase part of the premises so sold, from the Assignees of Isaac Moses, that is to say one whole lot of land, the same having been decided by the Supreme Court to have been illegally conveyed by the Corporation under the Sale for the Assessment.

It appears that the finance Committee in July 1823, reported in favor of allowing $294 15/100 to Mrs. Healey, to compensate her for the loss—That report was not however agreed to by the board, Mrs Healey therefore, it seems, looks to Mrs Richardson for remuneration; and Mrs Richardson now applies to the Board to be allowed a reasonable sum owing to the matters before stated.

Your Committee have heard the case fully stated by Mr Miller, the petitioners Counsel, and have duly considered all the circumstances and they unite in the opinion contained in the report of the finance Committee heretofore made on this subject, and which is annexed to this report, Your Committee think that a sum in proportion to the extent of the property lost by the before mentioned suit, ought to be allowed. That sum is $294 15/100.

Your Committee refer to the annexed petitions and papers for a more full explanation of the [50] circumstances of this case, and respectfully offer for the consideration of the board, the following resolution.

Resolved, that the sum of $294 15/100 be paid to Mary Richardson as a remuneration for the loss sustained in consequence of being ejected from the possession of the premises aforesaid; and that the Comptroller report a Warrant for that amount, to be given to Mrs Richardson, provided that Mrs Healey shall consent thereto.

Reuben Munson
Wm H Ireland
(Signed) George Zabriskie
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Whereupon the Report and Resolution presented at this meeting was approved and adopted.

The Finance Committee on the petition of the Executors of John Scudder dec[d] reported as follows, viz.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of the Executors and Trustees of the Estate of John Scudder, the late proprietor of the American Museum, That the petitioners pray for a renewal of the Lease from this Board, which lease expires on the first of April next, having commenced on the 30[th] May, 1816, at a nominal rent,

That your Committee fully appreciate the usefulness of the Institution in question, but do not feel at liberty to propose a renewal of the lease for another term of [51] Ten Years, because the board may hereafter consider it expedient to remove the building in question, together with the Bridewell and Goal. Your Committee, however, are of the opinion that the Museum, as well as the other valuable establishments in the New York Institution may with propriety be permitted to remain there, free of rent, until the first day of May 1827—But they question the expediency, at this time, of renewing the Leases for a period of Ten years, considering the peculiar circumstances in which the petitioners are placed as to the Museum, the difficulty of a removal of it, and the other reasons stated in the petition, your Committee are of the opinion that the Museum be permitted to be continued in the New York Institution, until the first day of May 1827, on the existing terms of the Lease, Your Committee can see no reason against granting thus much to the petitioners, because they deem it impossible to remove the buildings surrounding the City Hall before that time, and the question may then be determined by the Board, whether the New York Institution shall share the same fate as the Old Bridewell and Goal, Your Committee accordingly offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution:

Resolved; that the Executors and Trustees under the Will of the late John Scudder be permitted to continue the Museum in the New York Institution, until the 1[st] May 1827

[52] Signed Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Saml Cowdrey

Which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the petition of Caleb Angevine to exchange a stall in Franklin, for one in Greenwhich Market reported in favour, as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referd the annexed petition of Caleb Angevine for permission to exchange his stand N° 3 Franklin

Market, for the stand N° 5 Greenwich Market, beg leave respectfully to report.

That in their opinion it is proper to grant the prayer of the Petitioner, and accordingly *accordingly*, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to Caleb Angevine for the stand N° 5 Greenwich Market

Philip Hone
Wm H. Ireland
Thos Bolton
M W Reid

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the petition of Matthew Marsh for Stall N° 1 Center Market reported in favour as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was refer'd the Petition of Matthew Marsh for a licence for the Stall N° 1 Center Market and the relinquis[h]me[n]t of Asa W. Wesson the [53] present occupant, beg respectfully to report.

That the Petitioner has served an apprenticeship to the Butchers business with his father David Marsh, is a respectable young man, and entitled to receive a Butchers licence.

They therefore respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that a Butchers licence be granted to Matthew Marsh for the Stand N° 1 Center Market.

Philip Hone
Wm H. Ireland
Thos Bolton
M. W Reed

Which was approved, and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the petition of Valentine Merkle for stand N° 12 Washington Market reported in favour. viz

The Market Committee to whom was referd the annexed Petition of Valentine Merkle for a licence for Stand N° 12 Washington Market, and the relinquishment of Isaac Vaughan, the present occupant of said stand.

Beg leave respectfully to report.

That the petitioner is a respectable man brought up to the Butchers business, and having settled with the Committee all arrears on the stand, is in their opinion a suitable person to receive a licence for the

same. They therefore respectfully request the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that a Butchers licence be granted to Valentine Merkle for the Stand [54] N° 12 Washington Market

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
Thos Bolton
M W Reid

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips on the petition of John Vankleeck, and Jacob Acker Inspectors of Fire wood reported against the same, as follows.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referd the petition of John Van Kleeck, and Jacob Acker inspectors of fire wood to have their Districts Enlarged, have examined the said petitioners request, and are of opinion it would be improper to alter the Districts at present and respectfully submit the following.

Resolved it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

John Webb
Wm H. Ireland
Asa Mann
M W Reid

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Comptroler presented the following.

The Comptroler respectfully presents to the board for their approbation, a Rel[e]ase of Quit rent on a Water Lot at Brooklyn, granted to Johnathan Thompson on the 4th day [55] of December 1815.

It was commuted by him on the 20th June last, and the Indenture is approved by the Counsel of the Board.

G. N Bleeker Compt

Which was approved and the *and the* Release directed to be executed

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating, and paving Cannon Str from Broome Street to Stanton Street, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed collector

"The Street commissioner herewith covers an assessment for "Regulating and paving Cannon Street from Broome Street to Stan-"ton Street in order that it may be confirmed, and a Collector ap-

"pointed thereto the same having advertised and no objections "offerd."

R. Graves
Street Commissioner

He also presented the following respecting supplying vacancies in Ordinances occasioned by the Death of John Salisbury.

The Street Commissioner herewith covers six several Ordinances which have been passed with the name of John Salisbury to each as one of the Assessors and who has since deceased

It will be necessary to appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy as he had not been duly qualified according to law

Wherefore Abraham Baudoine was appointed assessor in the following Ordinances, [56] which were passed on the 20th June last in place of John Salisbury deceased.

An Ordinance for two public cisterns at St Thomas' Church corner of Broadway and Houston Street

Ordinance for two public cisterns at the Church corner *corner* of Grand Street and Mercer Street

Ordinance for a Well & Pump in Wooster Street between Broome and Spring Streets

Ordinance for repaving South St from Roosevelt Street to the west side of Dover Street

Ordinance for a Well & Pump near the intersection of Grand & Attorney Streets

Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Cornelia Street near Herring Street

He also presented the following Ordinance which was passed

The Street Commissioner herewith Covers the draft of an Ordinance for repairing Broad Street from Pearl to Wall Street and for building Culverts between the head of the present common Sewer and Stone Street in order that it may be passed and assessors appointed thereto

respectfully Submitted

R. Graves
Street Commissioner

For Repaving Broad Street and for building Culverts therein & Isaac Kip, John Targee & Berry Prince were [57] appointed assessors

Also the following Ordinance was by him presented.

The Street Commissioner herewith covers the draft of an Ordinance

for a Well and Pump in Attorney near Broome St. in Order that it may be passed and assessors appointed thereto

R. Graves
St. Commissioner

Which was passed, and Abraham Dally John Brower, and Abraham Baudoine were appointed assessors

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Wardens of the 5th Ward

Abraham Kidney Mason 98 Reed Street
Vice Albert Journea[y], time expired

Fire Engine Company No 2

John Lyon Jur Cartman 82 Essex Street
Vice Edward Doughty resigned

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Henry Vandevort Accountant 12 Skinner St.
Vice Peter Williams Resigned
Henry Brown, Hatter 83 Chatham St. Vice James Cook Resigned

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James Titus Carpenter Warter Street
Vice Wilmot Williams Resigned ill Health
John Colby Black Smith 29 Gould Street
Vice Charles Billenger Left the City
William H. Brown Printer 27 Gould Street
Vice William Boyer Resigned
[58] John Waite Carpenter 18 Fletcher St.
Vice Adam Degrushe Left the City
Watts Baldwin Grocer Vandam Street
Vice Sylvester P Denison Joined 39
Peter Amerman Jur Clerk 35 Liberty St
Vice Peter Meselear Joined No 14
John Lozier Carpenter 9 Fletcher St.
Vice Neal H Doyle Left the City

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Benjamin D Yates Smith 46 Essex St Vice Henry Clair Resigned
Thomas Nourse Ship Wright 88 Lombardy
Vice John Covert Resigned

William Meakins Ship Wright 2 Birmingham
Vice Edward Connely Resigned
John Valentine Ship Wright 372 Grand St
Vice George Marriner Resigned
Elisha L. Degroat Boat Builder 48 Rutgers
Vice Benjamin Farrington Resigned
Wm F Greenard S Joiner 150 Cherry St.
Vice John Miller Resigned

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Samuel Welling Mariner Greenwich & Amos
Vc Hamilton Ratcliff Resingd
Peter Beaumont Mason Bleeker & *Sillivan* [Sullivan]
Vc John J Westervelt Resigned
Wm Adams Silver Smith Washington St
Vc David Heuston Resigned

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Wm Shaw Blacksmith 145 Hester St Vc Edward Scott Resigned

[59] The City Inspector presented Ordinaces for the correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz.

No 1	D. Rodgers	owner	Norfolk St		A. Lot
" 2	H W Titus	do.	do		Do
" 3	W & G Post	do.	Water	St	Do
" 4	Js Thomas	do	Dey	"	Do
" 5	E Furrow	do	62 Allen	"	Do
" 6	J. Demarest	do	Stewart	"	Do

He also presented a report together with a Law on the constructions of sinks which was referd to the committee on Laws

The Counsel presented a lease to William T. Lawrence for lot on Chrystie Street

The Counsel herewith presents for execution a Lease to William T. Lawrence for Thirty years of the lot of land on the Westerly side of Chrystie Street between Rivington & Stanton Streets, known as No 240 on the map of Delancy's Estate, and assessed as belonging to Charles Hull which on the 20th June 1823 was sold to William T. Lawrence for the non payment of assessments amounting to 118 $^{85}/_{100}$ Dollars.

The Land not having been redeem'd, and the time for redemption having expired, the lease has been made out by directions of the Street Commissioner

Whereupon the lease was directed to be duly executed

[60] The Counsel presented a petition to one of the Judges [of] Supreme Court for the appointment of a Commissioner of Estimate and assessment on 5th Street & La Fayette Place in the place of John Salisbury deceased, Which was directed to be duly executed

He also present[ed] an agreement with Rodman & Samuel *Brown* [Bowne] for the extension of the pier at Catharine Slip

Which was ordered to be duly executed

The Recorder presented the following resolution which was accepted.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council procure Tanners Map of the United States to be placed in the Mayors office in the City Hall and a copy for each Member of the Board and for the Clerk

The Recorder also presented the following.

Resolved that the Committee of Laws be authorised to obtain 500 Copies of the report of the Law Committee on the subject of the Interment of the Dead to be distributed under the orders of this Board

The said Committee however not to expend therefor more than One hundred Dollars

[61] A division however was called by Aldn Davis all the members present, excepting Aldn Cowdrey who was excused from voting, voted in the affirmative, and Aldn Davis in the Negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

A Resolution was presented by Aldn Cowdrey authorising each member to receive one of the Daily papers printed in the City which was laid for further consideration

Aldn Mann presented a resolution directing the Clerk to furnish to each member and the officers of the Board a Copy of the Laws of the last session of the Legislature which was adopted

An Invitation was received from Magr Genl Morton to attend the review of the Corps of Artillery on Monday 4th of July next in celebration of the Annirversary of American Independence in front of the City Hall at 11 O Clock—The Marching Salute it was expected would be received by the Marquis De La Fayette. The invitation was accepted

Aldn King stated that agreeably to the Law passed at the last Session of the Legislature respecting taking a census of the Inhabitants of this State it became nessary for the Common Council on or before the first Monday in the present month to appoint Marshall's to take the Census

[62] He therefore moved that the Board proceed to make the said appointments.

Which was agreed to, when the following persons were appointed

1 Ward	2 Ward
Dan[l] J Ebbets	Henry W. Peckwell

3 Ward

Abraham King

When Ald[n] Cowdrey moved that the Board go into a ballot for a marshall for the 4[th] Ward which was agreed to when Willet Seaman, was Chosen.

Roger Strong was then appointed for the 5[th] Ward, Elisha Williams for the 6[th] Ward, Morris Oakley for the 7[th] Ward, and a Ballot having been gone into for the 8[th] Ward Charles Holt was chosen, and in a Ballot for the 9[th] Ward, John McKesson was chosen, and Gerrard W. Bell was appointed for the 10[th] Ward.

Alderman King then presented the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved that Daniel J. Ebbits be and he is hereby appointed Marshall for the purpose of taking an enumeration of the Inhabitants of the first Ward in the city of New York. That Henry W. Peckwell be and is hereby appointed Marshall for taking an enumaration of the Inhabitants in the second Ward of the said City—That Abraham King be and is hereby appointed Marshall to take an enumaration of the [63] Inhabitants in the third ward of said City. That Willet Seaman be and is hereby appointed Marshall to take an enumaration of the inhabitants of the Fourth Ward of the said City. That Roger Strong be and is hereby appointed Marshall to take an enumeration of the inhabitants of the fifth Ward of the Said City. That Elisha Williams be and is hereby appointed to take an enumaration of the inhabitants of the Sixth Ward of said City.

That Morris Oakley be, and is hereby appointed Marshall to take an enumeration of the inhabitants of the Seventh Ward of Said City. That Charles Holt be, and is hereby appointed Marshall to take the enumeration of the inhabitants of the Eighth Ward of said City.

That John McKesson be and is hereby appointed Marshall to take an enumeration of the inhabitants of the ninth Ward of said City

That Gerrard W. Bell be and he is hereby appointed Marshall to take an enumeration of the inhabitants of the Tenth Ward of Said City

Pursuant to an act of the Legislature of this State entitled an Act

to provide for taking future enumeration's of the inhabitants of this State and for procuring useful satistical tables passed 8th April 1825

The Committee on Wharves, Piers, and Slips to whom was referd, the several petitions for the office of Inspector of Fire wood in [64] place of Charles Roe deceased reported to the board the names of the several petitioners, whereupon the board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill said office When Arnout Brown was chosen

Mr Burtsell having stated that the Assessors of the Fifth Ward not having made a Jurry list agreably to the Ordinance on that subject—He presented an ordinance appointing Roger Strong to perform that duty which was received and passed

The Comptroller made the following report

Ballance as pr Acct 20 June	$85.188.78	
Recd for Tax of 1824 1. 2. & 9 Wards	5.700.	
" " Streets	4576.	
" " Wells & Pumps	316.21	
" " Mayoralty fees	110.	$95.890.99

50 Accts Audited & directed to be paid

Leek & Conklin watch 1st Dst	834.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2 "	666.75
Bleakley & Stagg " 3 "	645.75
H Leek expences incur'd as Capt of the Watch (ordered by the board)	105.
Obadiah Ayres Asst City Inspector	45.50
Astin & Higbie Messengers 1 month 1s inst	52.00
John Coffin Asst City Inspector	45.50
Cornelius Meyers, Keeper potters field	37.50
C. Gilman " Battery	30.
[65] A McCready Keeper of Park	30.00
R. Jaques Street Inspector 1st Ward	33.75
P. Wright " Do 2 "	33.75
T. Jeroleman " Do 3 "	33.75
N. B. Lyon Do 4 "	33.75
Abrm Ackerman Do " 5 9 day in Jun	10.12
I. A Isaacs Do 5 21 days "	23.63
Wm Ker " Do 6 1 Month	33.75
B. Fuller " Do 7 "	33.75
L. Hutchings Do 8 "	33.75
D. Hubbard Do 10	33.75
Hitchcock & Dobbs 3480 Loads Manure for Battery & Park	870.
G. H. Cooper Carriage Hire	105.
A. Butler posting bills	10.
B Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Month 1st Instant	45.50
J Pinkney " Do "	45.50
R. Riker Recorder 1 Qr Salary	375.

A Burtis Supert Alms House and officers 1 Qrt Salary....	712.50	
John O Woodruff keeper Penitentry and officers 1 Qrt Salary	537.50	
Theos B. Bleekers clerk issuing Tavern Licences 20 Days..	35.00	
Abrm Leggett Supers & work mud Scow to 3 Inst.....	146.74	
Robert Provost repairing Lamps 1 Month 1st Inst.....	128.25	
J. Dunn & Sons Do 1 Qrt.....	236.09	
G Snethen Supert Lamps 1 Qr Salary.....	137.50	
[66] G Snethen Lighs Lamps 1 Month.....	672.01	
H. Post Jur for 21 Casks Oil bot of Job Coleman.....	1000.89	
Office of New York National Advocate 6 Mo Subn 16 June	50.	
George Duryee Clerk Fulton Market 1 Month 1st Inst....	41.67	
I. Asten Sweeper Do	38.59	
Richd Smith Clk. Franklin Mk.....	37.50	
George B. Smith drawing map of Ground at Essex Market	6.50	
Isaac T. Ludlum Surveys &c 1 Qrt 1st Instant.....	129.91	
T. R. Ludlam do 6 months.....	52.71	
J. Pinkerton Corporation part of cross walks 1 Ward near Battery	52.65	
R. Ayres 50 Loads at Dock Middle Pier washington market	5.00	
J. Gallagher 1st Paymt well Green near Cannal Street.....	19.50	
J Gallagher Ballance on Well Barrow near Hudson Street	49.50	
George Lovett a/c building bulkhead at Rivington St Slip..	3000.	
Jacob P Roome Supt Repairs for Docks & Slips.....	1727.	
J. P. Roome Do Fire departmt.....	1500.	
J. P. Roome Do pump "	41.	
Ballance		$81.285.48

The Board adjourned to meet on next Monday fortnight

[67] Special Meeting In Common Council July 4th 1825

Present The Honble Wm Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants.
Samuel Cowdrey	Thos Bolton
John Webb	Samuel St John
Asa Mann	Philip Hone
Jacob B. Taylor	John Agnew
William A Davis	William Burtsell
Gideon Ostrander	

The Reading of the last Minutes was dispensed with

The President stated that this Special Meeting was called to consider of the propriety of appointing Marshalls to take the Census of the 11th and 12th Wards lately constituted by the Act of the Legislature passed 16th April 1825

Mr Bolton moved that the Counsel be requested to state his opinion respecting the necessity of appointing Marshalls for those Wards

Mr Ulshoeffer the Counsel stated that in his opinion that it would [68] be the safest course under the Law to appoint Marshalls for those Wards.

The Recorder then moved that the Board now proceed to the choice of Marshall's which was agreed to, and upon balloting for the 11th Ward Ezra Frost was elected, and Isaac L. Varian was chosen for the 12 Ward.

It was then Resolved that Ezra Frost be, and he is hereby appointed Marshal to take an enumeration of the Inhabitants of the eleventh Ward, and Isaac L. Varian to take and enumeration of the Inhabitants of the Twelfth Ward pursuant to the Act of the Legislature of this State called an Act to provide for taking future enumerations of the Inhabi[tants] of this State and for procuring useful Statistical Tables, passed 8th April 1825.

The Board adjourned.

[69] In Common Council July 18th 1825

Present The Honble William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J. Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
William H. Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Mathew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	
William A. Davis	Jameson Cox
Gideon Ostrander	Effingham Schieffelin
	William P. Rathbone

The Minutes of the last regular, and special Meeting were read, and approved

A Petition of Nicholas W. Stuyvesant for an extension of his Water grant at the foot of Stuyvesant Street, and also a Water grant from Stuyvesant Street to 13th Street extending in the river to the Permanent line was refer'd to the Finance Committee

A Petition that Essex Street between Delancey, and Rivington Street [70] may [be] regulated, and paved was refer'd to the Street Committee

A Petition that Hammersley Street from its junction with Houston

Street may [be] regulated and paved was refer'd to the Street Committee

A Petition of C. & G. Beldon for remission of penalty incurred in storing Wood contrary to Law was refer'd to the Police Committee

A Petition of Wright & Brown for remission of penalties incurred by their Morocco Manufactory was refer'd to the Police Committee

A Petition of James Langley for time to pay an assessment on his House N° 49 Banker Street for widening Banker Street was refer'd to the Finance Committee

A Petition for a Well, and Pump in Amity Street between Thompson, and Sullivan Street was refer'd to the Ald[n] & Assistant Alderman of the 8 Ward and the Street Commissioner

A. Memorial from A. Ely on the subject of Education was refer'd to the Committee on Laws

[71] A Memorial of Marinus Willett stating he was about sinking a Bulkhead on the North side of the proposed Slip in front of Tompkins Street, and requesting that Broome Street be extended to its prescribed limits was refer'd to the Street Committee

A Petition of Inhabitants in Hudson Street between the South west corner of Anthony and the North west corner of Provost Street praying the same may be repaved was refer'd to the Street Committee

A Petition of William Civil for renewal of the lease of the Cellar under Duane Market Leased by him was referd to the Finance Committee

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Greenwich and Warren Street was refer'd to the Ald[n] & Ass[t] Ald[n] of the 3[d] Ward and the Street Commissioner

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants of the 10[th] Ward complaining of sundry violations of the Sabbath and praying the Law respecting the Sabbath may be enforced was refer'd to the Police Committee

A Petition of Moses Jaques was received stating that he resides on the 2[d] Avenue that he considers the running at large of [72] Swine as highly dangerous in particular in his neighberhood where a person who has a Slaughterhouse and keeps a large drove who being fed on the blood and offiles becom extreemly ferocious and dangerous to children.

He therefor prayes the Law may be extended so as to restrain Swine from runing at large within the Watch, and Lamp District which was referd to the Police Committee

A Petition for a Well, and pump to be sunk at the junction of the

3d Avenue and 27th Street was referd to the Aldn and Asst Aldermand of the 9 Ward, and Street Commissioner

A petition for a Well and Pump near the junction of 25th Street and 3d Avenue was referd to the Aldn and Asst Alderman of 9h Ward and Street Commissioner

A Remonstance from sundry Landholders and Lessees on Manhattan Island against granting the prayer of the Petition for opening 3d Street from the First Avenue to the East river was refer'd to the Street Committee

And a Remonstrance from P. Schermerhorn and others owners of [73] Rope walks on same subject was referd to the same Committee

A Petition of Samuel B. Trimbley to be appointed an Inspector and Measurer of Lumber was presented and laid on the Table

A Resolution was moved that two additional Inspectors & Measurers of Lumber be appointed which was agreed to

The Petition of Samuel B. Trimbley was then called up and it was Resolved that he be and, *and* he was accordingly appointed Inspector and Measurer of Lumber

A Petition of Elias Deforest for Stall No 61 Fulton Market was refer'd to the Market Committee

A Memorial from a number of Drovers praying that a Law may be passed restraining Cattle from being sold in the compact parts of the City

And two petitions from a Number of Inhabitants residing in the Bowery praying that a Law may be passed prohibiting the driving of Cattle through the populous part of the City was read, and refer'd to the Police Committee

[74] A Petition of George Montgomery holding Stall No 9 in Grand Street Market, and John Kent holding Stall No 41 Catharine Market praying to be permitted to exchange Stalls with each other, was refer'd to the Market Committee

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants residing in the Vicinity of Stanton Slip was received stating, that a large quantity of Vegetable and Animal matter had been deposited in that Slip so as to have become extreemely offencive and Dangerous to the health of the Inhabitants, and praying relief was read and laid on the table

A Resolution was afterwards proposed and adopted directing the Street Commissioner to adopt the most prompt and effecacious measures to cover the vegetable putrafaction in Stanton Slip and remedy the danger to be apprehended therefrom—And the Petition was called up and referd to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Augustus H Lawrence praying relief from a mistake in an assessment on him for opening of Houston Street was referd to the Street Committee

His Honor the Mayor laid [75] before the Board a Letter from James Talmage Esq^{r} Lieut^{nt} Governor of the State enclosing sundry Resolutions passed by the Members of the Senate lately assembled in the City as a Court of Errors, expressing their high opinion of the several Charitable and other Institutions of the City which they have visited, and of the hospitality, and attentions they had received from the Common Council and the Citizens, which having been read was directed to be entered at length on the minutes

New York 17th July 1825

Sir

In obedience to the directions of a Meeting of the Senators held this morning in the Court room in the City Hall—I have the honour to enclose to you a Copy of certain resolutions unanimously adopted at such Meeting

It is with the greatest pleasure I perform this duty as the sentiments expressed in the procedings of that meeting so well accord with my individual feelings and the expressions were so eminently due to the Gentleman of the Corporation whose liberal and kind deportment have so greatly promoted the convenience of the members of the Court during its Session

I Beg you to communicate the Resolutions to the Honourable the Corporation of the City—And accept assurances of the greatest respect from [76] Your

Ob^{t} Servant

Hon^{ble} W^{m} Paulding
Mayor of the City of New York

James Tallmadge

The members of the Senate of the State of New York having availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Session of the Court for the trial of Impeachments and the correction of Errors, to visit the publick institutions in the City of New York and to become acquainted with their condition

Deem it due as well to the Public as to the authorities of the City to express the pleasure they have experienced in those visits and their gratitude for the promptness and liberality with which every society in making them has been afforded

The Alms House, the Penitentiary, and the Fever Hospital at Belvieu, the House of Refuge for Juvenile Delinquents, the orphan

Assylum, the New York Hospital the Lunatic Assylum, the Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf & Dumb the Eye Infirmary, the New York Free Schools, the High School, and the Quarantine upon Staten Island together with the Hospitals connected with it have been visited by them

[77] And in all these Institutions they found their most Sanguine expectations entirely surpassed

The good order, cleanliness, regularity and attention to the health, comfort and improvement of the pupils and subjects of their respective establishments, leave no room for discrimination, and furnish the most gratifying proofs of the just application of public and private Bounty to the correction of the vices, and the relief of the miseries and misfortunes of our fellow men

And the members of the senate, take great pleasure in bearing testimony to the ability and fidelity of the Corporation of the City in the discharge of their arduous public duties as Supervisors of these important Institutions, and to the benevolence and public Spirit of the patriotic and worthey citizens who devote their time and attention to them as trustees and managers

Resolved that the President of the Senate be requested to transmit the foregoing to the Honorable—the Mayor, and the Corporation of the City of New York, and to return them the thanks of the members of the senate individually, for their hospitality and attention to their convenience, which they have experienced during the recent session of the Court of Error's

By order of the Meeting

James Talmadge Presd[t]

[78] An Invitation from M[r] Vanderlyn to the Members of the Common Council and their families to visit at the Rotunda the Panoramic Painting of the City of Asthens as at this day—was read, and accepted for thursday next

The Mayor laid before the Board A presentment of the Grand Jury against the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York for obstructing the Highway at the intersection of Broad Way and Art Street with Cart Loads of dirt and sand

And also a presentment for obstructing the highway at the intersection of Greenwich Lane and Sixth Avenue by a Market for the Sale of horses which were read and the subjects refer'd to the Street Committee, the former subject refer'ed with power

A Petition from A. J. Pell, G W. Featherstonhaugh and P. G Stuyvansant proprieters of Ground between Blooming dale road and 3[d]

Avenue through which 20th Street is laid praying that said Street may be *opoend* [opened], was refer'd to the Street Committee

[79]A. Petition of John R. Livingston that Duane Street from Hudson to the end of the Park may be repaved was refer'd to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance, from a number of Inhabitants in the vicinity against continuing the practice of Interring the Dead in the Vaults of the Reformed Dutch Church in Green Street, and of St Thomas's Church corner of Broad Way and Houston Street was refer'd to the Law Committee

A Petition for a Well and Pump in McDugall, near Amity Street was referd to the Aldn and Asst Alderman of the 8th Ward and the Street Commissioner

A Petition from Duncan P. Campbell and others praying that 23d Street be opened and filled up from the first Avenue to Tomkins Street was referd to the Street Committee

A Petition from Two hundred and Sixty seven Inhabitants praying that the Slaughter Houses of Butchers may be removed from the interior of the City to the Margin of the river was refer'd to the Police Committee

[80] A Petition of the Dry Dock Association and of Inhabitants of its vicinity complaining of Butchers and others throwing offals and offensive matere on the shores and praying relief and also requesting Watchmen may be stationed there for protection of their Timber was read and refer'd to the City Inspector

A Communication from Henry Leek, Captain of the City Watch of the 1st District tendering on account of his advanced years his resignation of the office with his thanks for the many favours bestowed on him by the Corporation was read and his Resignation accepted

Petitions were received from Abraham Blauvelt and Nathaniel Bayles for office of Captain of the Watch 1st District which were referd to the Watch Committee

A Resignation of James Rikeman of the Office of City Guager was presented and the Resignation accepted

A Petition of John E Nexen for the office of City Gauger was presented and laid on the table—It was afterwards Called up [81] and it was Resolved that he be, and accordingly is appointed City Guager

A Petition of Patrick Lee as Guardian of Barnard Brady Jur. praying that the sum paid by the Public Administrator into the City Treasury on account of the Estate of said Bernard Brady deceased may be paid over to him for the support and maintenance of Bernard

Brady Jur. son of the said Bernard Brady deceased, was read and refer'd to the Council

A Petition that First Street from the First Avenue to Orchard Street be levelled and the Cellar holes therein filled up was refer'd to the Street Commissioner with authority

A Petition was presented from Judah Hammond Esq[r] stating that he is part owner of a Lot on Banker Street which has been assessed, and that one of the owners is absent from the City and praying that he may be allowed to pay his proportion of the Assessments, was refer'd to the Finance Committee

A Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Chrystie and Stanton Streets was referd to the Ald[n] and Assis[t] Aldm[n] of the 10[th] Ward and [82] Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Corgan to be allowed expences for cleaning out a Celler under Catharine Market was refer'd to the Market Committee

The Market Committee reported in favour of Granting stall N[o] 8 Essex Market to John Resler which was approved of and the Resolution adopted

The Aldm[n] and Assis[t] Alderman of the 6 Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was refer'd the Petition for a Well and Pump in White Street reported in favour as follows

The Alderman and assistant of the Sixth Ward to whom was refer'd the annexed petition of a number of Inhabitants living in White Street near orrange Street for a Well and Pump to be erected in that vicinity Respectfully report that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and submit the following resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to sink a Well and erect a Pump in the same. In White, near Orrange Street.

And that an Ordinance [83] be passed accordingly

Sign[d] Mathew Reed
Josiah Hedden

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Appointments for office on the Petition of Abraham Cole to be restor'd to office of Measurer of Grain reported in favour

The Committee on Applications for office to whom was referd the petition of Abraham Cole to be reapointed Measurer Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the prayer ought to be granted, and submit the following resolution

Resolved that Abraham Cole be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain

Signed Mathew Reed
E Shieffelin.
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition of J. J. Robinson for office of City Weigher reported in his favour which was read and laid on the table

The Alderman and Assistant Alderman of the 8 Ward and Street [84] Commissioner on the Petition of James Walker to build a Cistern in the street reported in favour.

"The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was refer'd the Petition of James Walker for Permission to build a Cistern in front of his house at the Corner of Greenwich and Spring Streets.

Report that Mr Walker has no yard or vacant ground on his premises, they therefore think it proper to grant his request, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioner be granted, upon the usual payments and condition's

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to widen the Side Walks in Chatham Street reported in favour Viz "The Street Committee to whom was refer'd the Petition of William Mooney and others praying that the side Walks of Chatham Street may be widened and relaid report that in their opinion it is not only necessary to widen the side walks of that Street from Tryon Row to [85] Pearl Street but also to repave the Carriage way as it is much out of repair

Accordingly they submit the following resolution

Resolved that Chatham Street be repaved and the Side walks widened from Tryon Row to Pearl Street

Jacob. B. Taylor.
Signed Gideon Ostrander
Assa Mann

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for extending the Sewer and paving Collect Street reported against the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was refer'd the Petition for, and a remonstrance against the building and continuing the sewer in Collect Street from its present termination to Pearl Street

Report that in their opinion the present unsettled State of the foundation of that Street will not Justify the building a Sewer at present, independent of the consideration that if a sewer should be constructed it would be a greater nuisance than the present condition of the water course upon the Surface of the Street

Your Committee accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners [86]

Signed Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Assa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was refered the Report of the Street Commissioner on the subject of improving Roosevelt Street presented a report which was laid for consideration and the Street Commissioner directed to advertise the same in the papers employed by the Board

The Street Committee to whom was refer'ed a Resolution for opening and extending Ludlow, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Arundle Streets reported in favour Viz

The Street Committee to whom was refered the subject of opening and extending Ludlow, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Arundle Streets from the North easterly line of Delancys farm (so called) to North Street through the grounds of the heirs of the late Peter Stuyvesant

Report that in their opinion those Streets ought to be opened, and accordingly recomend the adoption of the following resolution,

[87] Resolved that Ludlow, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Arundle Streets be opened and extended from the line of Delancys farm to North Street, and that the Council to this Board take the necessary measures to have the same carried into effect

Sig[d] Jacob B. Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Assa Mann

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Council thereupon presented the following resolution's which were adopted

Resolved that it is desirable for the public convenience to open and extend Ludlow Street with Essex Street, Norfolk Street, Suffolk Street and Arundel Street in the late 10[th] now 11[th] Ward of the City of New York from the line of Delancys farm to North Street (the same being, Streets in that part of the said City not laid out into

Streets, Avenues, Squares and public places by the Commissioners of Streets, and Roads in the City of New York, under and by virtue of Act entitled an Act relative to improvement touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes" passed April 3d 1807) and that the Same is hereby [88] ordered, and directed to be done, and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures to have the same carried into effect.

Resolved that the Petition to the Supreme Court for the above purpose be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

The Street Committee on the Petition to pave Van Dam Street from Varrick to McDougall Street reported in favour, as follows

The Street Committee to whom was refered the annexed Petition, of sundry persons to have Vandam Street paved from Varick to McDougall Street's—report that the request of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted

Accordingly they submit the following resolution

Resolved that Vandam Street be paved from Varick Street to McDougall Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare the draft of an Ordinance accordingly

Jacob Taylor
Sigd Gideon Ostrander
Assa Mann

[89] Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving the Side Walks of Watts Street and numbering the Houses therein reported in favour, as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referd the Petition of Sundry of the inhabitants of Watts Street praying that the side Walks of that Street may be paved and the Buildings Numbered.

Report that in their opinion their request should be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolutions

Resolved, that the side Walks of Watts Street be paved, and that the Street Commissioner report the draft of an Ordinance accordingly

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs, cause the Buildings in Watts Street to be regularly numbered

Jacob B. Taylor
Sigd Gideon Ostrander
Assa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for Repaving Chamber Street reported in favour

[90] The Street Committee to whom was refered the petition for repaving Chamber Street

Report that they have caused the same to be advertised for Objections (if any there should be) and that no Objections having been made thereto they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that, Chamber Street be repaved from Broad Way to Greenwich Street, and that an Ordinance be presented accordingly

Jacob B. Taylor
Sig[d] Gideon Ostrander
Assa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to repave Duane Street from Broad way to Hudson Street reported in favour as follows

The Street Committee on the petition for repaving Duane Street Report that they have caused the same to be advertised for Objections thereto (if any there should be) and that no Objections have been presented, they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that Duane Street be repaved from Broadway to Hudson Street and that an [91] Ordinance be presented accordingly.

Jacob B. Taylor
Sig[d] Gideon Ostrander
Assa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referd the Subject of breaking up side Walks and also the sufficiency of Cart Boxes reported, as follows

The Street Committee to whom was refer'd the subject of breaking up side walks for the purpose of digging out any Celler or Lot, as also the subject of regulating the size and Sufficiency of Cart Boxes used for the transportation of Earth, Sand, Clay &c, report that they have upon due consideration caused Ordinances to be drafted, which if adopted will in the opinion of your Committee remedy the evils complaind of

Jacob B. Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Assa Mann

Whereupon the Laws proposed by them were passed under the Title's of a Law relative to the side walks in the City of New York and a Law prescribing the dimensions of Cart Boxes for the transportation of Manure, Sand Earth or Clay & was directed to be printed

[92] The Committee on Lands and Places to whom was refered the subject of an Additional Pound reported as follows

The Committee on Lands and Places, respectfully report that they have considered the within Ordinance entitled, "a Law to establish an additional pound," and are of opinion that it is expedient that the same ought to be passed. That the said Ordinan[c]e was offered to the Board, and refered to your Committee for consideration and upon duly considering thereon they think that the establishment of said Pound is highly expedient

Respectfully Submitted

Henry J. Wyckoff
Gideon Ostrander
Wm Burtsell
Sigd Effingham Schieffelin

Whereupon the Law proposed by them was passed under the Title of "a Law to establish an additional Pound"

The Alderman and Assistant Alderman of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was refered the Petition for a Well and Pump in Banker near Birmingham Street reported in favour

[93] The Alderman and Assistant of the seventh Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was refered the annexed Petition of Benjamin Gifford and others praying that a Well may be built in Banker Street near Pike Street—Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, and also that the present Well at the intersection of Pike Street be filled up, as also the Well at Birmingham Street the one standing improperly in the Street and the other altogether useless, from the badness of its Water—they accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved, that a Well be built in Banker Street near the Westerly side of Pike Street

Resolved that the Well in Banker Street on the Easterly Side of Pike Street and also the Well in Banker Street at Birmingham Street be filled up

Assa Mann
Jameson Cox
Sigd R. Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition of N. C. Hart respecting a Cistern in the Street reported in favour, as follows

[94] The Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was refered the annexed Petition of N. C. Hart for Permission to build a portion of a Cistern under the side walk in Pike Street

Report that inasmuch as the petitioner has not room to Construct a Cistern on his Lot they are of opinion that his request should be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioner be granted on the usual terms and Conditions

Assa Mann
Jamerson Cox
Sigd R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and Pump at the intersection of Grand, and Banker Street reported in favour as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referd the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Banker, near Grand Street [95] Report that they have viewed the premises, and are of the opinion that a Well is necessary at that place and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Assa Mann
Jameson Cox
Sigd R. Graves

Which was app[r]oved and the Resolution adopted

The Watch Committee to whom was refered the Petition of the Watchmen of the City of New York for an increase of pay reported in favour as follows

The Watch Committee to whom was refered the Petition of the City Watchmen, requesting additional pay beg leave respectfully to report

That the Petitioners have represented to your Committee the laborious and irksome duty of a Watchman, when faithfully performed, that when a reduction was made on the Watch pay, many of the necessaries of life and particularly house rent was Comparatively low.

That the increase of duty in the morning and the attendance on prisoners untill discharged frequently intrudes on the time when the labours of the [96] day should commence

The reasons urged by the Petitioners, your Committee consider as just and Correct But as the pay of our Watchmen, form an important item of our City expenditures, they beg leave to state additional reasons, which induce them to recommend granting the request of the Petitioners.

The Wages of Mechanics generally appear to have advanced. Consequently there is some difficulty in procuring that respectable, and efficient class of men, necessary to be employed as Watchmen—They therefore belive that an increase of their pay would be the means of obtaining more Suitable and better men

Your Committee wish further to add that the same reasons apply to the Captains and Assistants of the Watch

They therefore offer for consideration the following Resolution

Resolved that Captain's Assistants, and Watchmen, attached to the Different Districts of the City Watch, be hereafter allowed in addition to their present pay, a Compensation of twelve & a half cents per Night

Jameson Cox
Josiah Hedden
[97] Wm Butsell
Phillip Hone
Signed Wm P. Rathbone

Which was app[r]oved and the Resolution adopted

The Watch Committee to whom was refer'd a Petition from the Inhabitants of the 9th Ward for the extension of the Watch and Lamp Districts reported as follows

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a Number of Owners and occupants of Houses and Lots in that part of the ninth Ward Which is situated in the upper part of the Village of Greenwich Beg leave respectfully to report

That it is evident, that said part of the City has been for time past, and still is rapidly increasing in population

In consequence of which the Petitioners state that it would be greatly for their benefit if the Lamp and Watch District should be extended beyond its present limits

From a due Consideration of the Subject your Committee are of opinion, that the request of the Petitioners, so far as relates to the Watch District, is reasonable and ought to be granted

They therefor offer for Consideration the following resolutions

Resolved that two additional Watch Posts, be established, to be attached [98] to the third Watch District

Resolved that so much of the above mentioned Petition as relates to the extension of the Lamp District be refered to the Lamp Committee

Jameson Cox
Josiah Hedden
Wm Burtsell
Wm P. Rathbone
Philip Hone

Whereupon the Resolution respecting the Watch was app[r]oved, and the Subject of the Lamp District, was refered agreably to their Report to the Lamp Committee

The Street Commissioner recommended that Francis Peckwell be appointed Assessor in an Ordinance for regulating and Paving Thompson Street from Bleecker to 4th Street which was approved and he was appointed accordingly

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed—Viz For Regulating and Paving Ridge Street from Broom to Delancy Street & Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

Also for paving the sidewalks [99] in Washington Street from Beaver Lane to Market field Street, and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

Also for a Well and Pump in Green Street near Canal Street & Noah Jarvis was apointed Collector

Als[o] for Regulating and Paving Forsyth Street from Stanton, to North Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

He also presented the following Ordinances which where passed, viz

For a Well and Pump in Banker Street near Pike Street, and Benjamin Prince, John Brower, and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Grand and Banker and John Targee, Benjamin Prince, and John Brower were appointed Assessors

Also for repaving Duane Street from Broad way to Hudson Street, and Isaac Kip, James Bleecker, & Cary Dunn were appointed Assessors

Also for Regulating and Paving Vandam Street, from Varick to McDougall [100] Street and Cary Dunn, Francis Peckwell and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

Also for paving the Sidewalk's of Watts Street from Sullivan to Washington, and James Bleecker Cary Dunn and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for repaving Chamber Street from Broadway to Greenwich Street Isaac Kip, Abrm Boudoine & Cary Dunn were appointed Assessors

Also for repaving the Carriage way and flagging the Sidewalks of Chatham Street from Tryon row to Pearl Street, and Isaac Kip, Abrm Boudoine, and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

A Remonstrance against the repaving of Greenwich Street between Read and Beach Streets was presented and refered to the Street Committee

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vaccancies

Fire Engine No 1

Charles R. Hatfield Carptr 5 Greenwich St
Vice David Wilkins time expired

[101] Samuel Moore Carpenter Church Street 196
Ve Daniel Pullis time expired

John Moore Clerk corner Church & Lespenard
Vice Richard Hunt appointed Fire Warden

No 7

James Hanlon Hair Dresser Wm Street 122
Vice Wm B Smith Resigned

No 8

John Hoey Accountant Chatham Street
Vice George Janeway resigned

No 14

James H. McKenzie Hatter Broadway 152
Vc. George Giffing Resigned

Henry Thomas Accountant Park Place 19
Vc. Abraham P Maby Resigned

No 15

John U. Lamson Carpenter Christie Street
Vc. Henry U Merritt Resigned

N° 25

George S Marschalk Merch[t] Broadway 295

Vc. Tho[s] S. Underhill Resigned
Dimond Chandler Do
Conklin Titus Do
Munson S. Peet Do

and it was Resolved that the Resignations of Dimond Chandler Conklin Titus and Munson Peet be accepted

N° 29

Peter P. Wendover Druggist Herring Street
Vc. Robert Fergeson Resigned

Jacob A Powles Carpenter Commerce Street
Vc. W[m] Cranston time Expired

Hiram Worden Carpenter Commerce S[t]
Vc Matthew Armstrong Time expired

[102] Fire Engine N° 31

Peter J. Mabie Smith Greenwich S[t] 325
Vc Isaac Brown Resigned

N° 32

Isaac Crawford Carpenter Cristie Street
Vc Samuel L Lord Resigned

Supply Engine Company
No. 1

Joshua M[c]Laughlin—B. Smith Church S[t]
Vc W[m] J Roome Resigned

Fredirick Groshon Druggist Duane Street
Vc John B. Schmelzel Resigned

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances

N°	1	E. L. Wint[h]rop	owner	First S[t]	a Lot
	2	J. J. Astor	do	King S[t]	" do
"	3	Trinity Church	do	Canal S[t]	do
"	4	D C Griswould	do	Lewis S[t]	do
"	5	Castro & Henriques	Occupt	"	do
"	6	Catharine M[c]Gar	owner	Crosby St	do
"	7	Aug[s] *Lawrent* [Lawrence]	do	Lewis "	do
"	8	Noah Brown	do	Cannon "	do
"	9	Scribner & Hitchcock	Lessees	Sherriff	do
"	10	G Lorillard	owner	Mercer S[t]	do

George Cummings City Insp.

The City Inspector presented the above Ordinances for Correction of nuisances which were passed

Resolved that the Committee [103] on Assessments be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board on the Reference to them respecting the assessment of the Canal sewer, and that of the Chemical Bank.

The Recorder presented the following which was accepted as follows

Resolved that his Honour the Mayor be requested to transmit in the name of this Corporation the printed Report of the Committee of Laws on the Subject of Interments to the Municipal Authorities of the Cities of New Orleans Charleston S. C. Savannah, Baltimore, Portsmouth N. H. Boston, Philadelphia and such others in the United States as he shall judge expedient and proper.

Aldn Reed presented a Resolution that the walks in Broadway from the Battery to Canal Street be Widened regulated and the Carriage way repaved which was refered to the Street Committee

Aldn Ireland presented a Resolution directing a Warrant to issue to the Commissioners of the Common School Fund for $7208 89/100 which was adopted

Aldn Cowdry presented a Resolution authorising the Inspector of repairs to furnish covered Boxes to the Bell Carts [105] imployed by the Contractors for removing, filth, offals, garbage &c—Which was refer'ed to the Committee on Repairs with authority

Mr Rathbone presented a Law to prevent any Swill or Vegetable substance from Distilleries or any other place from being thrown into any Street or Slips which was passed under the Title of "a Law further to prevent Nuisances"

Mr Agnew presented a Resolution to direct the Superintendent of Repairs to place a row of seats for the Accomodation of the Public around the outside Walks of the Battery which was referd to the Committee on Repairs

Aldn Mann presented the Draught of a Law which was read by Paragraphs and passed under the Title of "a Law further to amend the Law entitled a Law to regulate the removal of filth & Dirt from the Streets passed 28th April 1825 and the Law's amending the same"

Aldn Mann moved that the Counsel of the Board be directed to Stay all further proceedings in the case of La Fayette Place—on the question of agreeing to the same it passed in the Negative

[105] Upon motion of Aldn Reed the Board p[r]oceded to ballot for a person to fill the office of City Weigher

A Report of the Committee on applications for offices on the Petition of John J. Robinson and in his favour was presented and read

The Report on the Petition of John Arnoud was also called up and read The Board proceded to Ballot when John Arnoud was duly elected, and it was resolved the he be and he is hereby appointed City Weigher

The Comptroller made the following report

Ballance as per Acct 1st Inst	81.285.48	
Recd for Streets	23.497.21	
" " Rents	5052.05	
" " Tax of 1824. 6 & 8 wards	4048.25	
" " Arrears of Tax	500.	
" " Justices Courts	707.75	
" " Wells & Pumps	255.44	
Mayoralty fees	132.	
Fines &c of Attorney	84.81	
Fines &c of Sherriff	16.	115.578.99

46 Accounts Audited and Directed to be paid

Leek & Conklin Watch 1st Dist	834.75
Hibberd & Clark " 2 "	666.75
Blakely & Stagg " 3 "	645.75
R Graves Street Commissioner 1 Qrt., Salary 1 Inst	400.00
[106] George B Smith asst St Commissioner 1 Qr Sallary 15th Inst	337.50
M Ulshoeffer counsel Drawing Laws and Charges	89.25
J. Ritchie preparing amunition for Troops 4th July	87.04
A. B. Martling to pay 23 B. ringers do	34.50
James Bleecker Auction fees on Sundry public property sold	29.
John Scott Carriage hire for Committee of Wharves &c	6.
Leonard Baum Clk. Washington mkt 1 Month 1st Inst	64.42
John Bremner do Catharine do	60.
James Gilbert do 3 Markets	49.
Peter Ammerman " 3 do	48.50
Gould & Banks 43 Vols. 6 Laws of the State	204.10
James Kent Law opinion case of claim of John W. Wyman	50.
J Fleming Treasr for City Tax of 1824 over paid by collector of the 10 Ward	749.23
Aldn Wyckoff attending Courts 12 Days to 1st Inst	48.
Aldn King do 11 Days "	44.
Aldn Ireland 20 " "	80.
Aldn Cowdrey " 28 " "	112.
Aldn Webb " 12 " "	48.
Aldn Reed " 13 "	52.
Aldn Mann 12	48.
Aldn Taylor 12	48.
Aldn Davis 34	136.
Aldn Ostrander 34	136.

[107] T. Seymour	4 Ward	3 Days.....	12.
G Zabriskie	5 "	3 "	12.
S. Parker	6 "	3 "	12.
H Smith 3915 Loads of Earth put in Water Street Between Catharine Street and Market St.....			234.90
I. A. Isaacs 122 Loads carted from Sewer canal Street....			11.38
Abrm Strong 2d payment for pier a[t] Charlton Street.....			1537.50
Abrm Storms 1st payment building L. at pier foot of Charlton Street			750.
R. Graves Street Commissioner for Repairs Roads.....			800.
Johnson Chase return Costs on Lots sold for taxes 10th Novr 1824			42.
Mary Richardson refunded on assessments for Lots on Stanton Street ordered by the Board 1st July.....			315.15
Jacob P Roome Supt of Repairs for Repairs.....			1368.
J. P Roome	do	Fire Department.....	1149.
J. P. Roome	do	Docks & Slips.....	666.
J. P. Roome	do	Pump Departmt.....	280.
J. P Roome	do	Markets "	205.
J. P Roome	do	Watch Departmt.....	174.
Arthur Burtis Supt Alms House for Working Convicts....			1000.
A. Burtis	Do	Fever Hospital	3000.
A Burtis	Do	Alms House	5000.
			21.684.72
		Ballance Dolls.	93894.27

The Board adjourned to this day fortnight

[108] In Common Council Augst 1st 1825

Present The Honble William Paulding Mayor President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J. Wyckoff	
Wm H. Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	
John Webb	William Burtsell
Mathew Read	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox.
Jacob B. Taylor	Danl E Dunscomb
Gideon Ostrander	Wm P. Rathbone

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A Petition to have a Well in vicinity of Lumber Street sunk deeper was refer'ed to the Aldermah and Assistant of 1st Ward & Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance against opening 23d Street from 1st Avenue to Tompkins Street was presented and refered to the Street Committee

[109] A Remonstrance against the proposed Regulation of Roosevelt Street was presented and refered together with the Report of the Street Committee thereon at the last meeting—to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the owners of Pier No 10 East River stating said Pier to be in a very decayed state, and requesting Permission to extend said Pier to the line of the other Piers was read, and refered to the Committee on Whaves, Piers, and Slips

A Petition of Burdett Dixon for office of Measurer of Coal was refered to the Committee on applications for office

A Petition of Jesse Wood for office of Captain of City Watch was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of John Sears for permission to establish a Coverd Circus for a Flying Horse Establishment was referd to the Police Committee

A Petition from Thomas Blanch Jur. for Relief from a Penalty incurred by constructing a Sink Contrary to Law, was refered to the Police Committee

A Petition of John C. Ackerman for relief from Fine for incumbering the [110] *the* Sidewalk was refered to the Police Committee

A Petition of Martin Morse for office of Inspector of Lumber was refered to the Committee on applications for office

A. Petition of James Jenkins that a Cistern which he has built under the Street not knowing it was necessary to obtain permission for the same, may be permitted to remain, he paying the usual Charge for the ground, was read and refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the 3d Ward & Street Commissioner with authority

A Petition from Davis Hunt to be reinstated an Inspector of Lumber was refered to the Committee on applications for office

A Remonstrance from the Rector, Wardens, and Vestryman of St Thomas's Church against the Petition p[r]esented praying that Interments in the Cementry of said Church may be prohibited—Also a Petition from Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Reformed Dutch Church at the Corner of Green & Houston Streets and of the Episcopel Church erecting at the corner of Broadway & Houston Streets remon- [111] strating against the Petition p[r]aying Interments may be forbidden in the Vaults of said Church were read and referd to the Committee on Laws

A Petition that Wooster Street may be paved between Bleeker and Fourth Street was refered to the Street Committee

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Suffolk, and Stanton Streets, was refered to the Aldⁿ and Assᵗ of the 10ᵗʰ Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition for a Well and Pump at corner of Willett and North Street was refered to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10ᵗʰ Ward and Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance against Repaving Hudson Street between Anthony and Provost Streets was refered to the Street Committee

A Petition of Lewis Swallows for remission of Fine for incumbering the Street was refered to the Police Committee

A Petition of Edward Coulton for return of Fine paid by him incured by his Hog being at large Petitioner stating that the Hog was in a pen but Broke out of it and got in the Street—The Petition was refered to the Police Committee

[112] A Petition of John Phillips for time to pay an Assessment laid on him for opening Houston Street was refered to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John Butler for office of Captain of City Watch was read and laid on the Table

A Remonstrance of John Givan keeper of the Old Bulls head establishment against the Petition presented for preventing the sale of Cattle at that place accompanied with a Recommendation of the Establishment from a number of the Inhabitants in the Vicinity was refered to the Police Committee

A Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church for remuneration for the use of Ground on Eldridge Street for the purpose of Fire Engine Houses was refered to the Finance Committee

A Petition for a Well and Pump Corner of Sheriff and Delancy Streets was refered to the Alderman and Assistant of 10ᵗʰ Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Thomas Bell praying that the sum of Forty Dollars may be repaid to him—which he has paid under the name of a Fine [113] for incumbering the Street with three Houses which he was removing and for which removal he had the permission of the Corporation, was refered to the Police Committee

A Petition of Cornelius Myer keeper of Potters field for additional pay was read and laid on the Table—It was afterwards called up and a Resolution passed in his favour

The Watch Committee on the Petition of Blauvelt & Bayles for office of Captain of City Watch reported, as follows

The Watch Committee to whom was refered the Petition's of Abraham Blauvelt and Nathaniel Bayles praying to be appointed Captain of the first District Watch in the place of Henry Leek Resigned

Report that they have made particular enquiry as to the Character and Qualifications of the above petitioners and state for the information of the Board that they are well recomended and your Committee believe them to be well Qualified, but as there will be more applicants for the Same office they beg leave to recommend the appointment to be made by Ballot they therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved the appointment of Captain of the first district Watch Caused by the Resignation of Henry Leek be made by ballot

Which was accepted

[114] The Lamp Committee on the Petition of the Lamp Lighters for increase of pay reported in their favour as follows

The Lamp Committee to whom was refered the annexed petition of Lamp Lighters praying for an increase of pay respectfully report

That after giving this subject that consideration which a due regard to the public interest demanded, they are finally of the opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted. It is conceded that house rent and the price of Labor has advanced, and it was upon this principle that the Board recently agreed to increase the compensation of the Watchmen. It remains for them after being made acquainted with such facts as will enable them to decide correctly whether the reasons that induced a rise of the Watchmen's compensation does not hold equally good when applyed to the Lamp Lighters

It may here be proper to state the number of Lamps and how many each man lights—There are 28 Lamp Districts in the City the lighters of the 16 lower districts receive one cent for lighting each Lamp durring 8 Months of the year, & one cent, & a quarter for the remaining 4 Months, and those who light the 12 upper Districts receive one quarter of a cent more for each lamp than those before named

The first 16 Districts contains [115] from 90 to 100 Lamps each, and the other 12 70 to 80 each and are all about 23 nights in the month—With this information the Board will be enabled to judge of the propriety of adopting the following resolution, which your committee have thought proper to recomend

Resolved that the Lamp Lighters be and they are hereby allowed

one quarter of a cent for lighting each lamp, in addition to their present Compensation

The Committee on Assessments on the Subject of the Assessment on the Personal Estate of the Chemical Bank reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was refered the Petition of the President of the Chemical Bank, relating to an Assessment on the personal estate of the Company Respectfully report

That they have examined into the case of the Above Petition, and the circumstances under which the Assessment was made, and have ascertained to the satisfaction of your Committee that the act incorporating the Chemical Bank was passed on the 1st April 1824 and the Books of Subscription to the Capital Stock of the Company were opened on the 16th June following when ten per cent of the Capital Stock was paid in to the Commissioners appointed to receive the subscriptions. the residue of the Capital was required to be paid in on or before the 31st July 1824 The Commissioners paid over to the directors the first instalment subscribed on the 27th July and the Bank commenced Business on the 2d Day of Augst last.

By the act of the 28th April 1823 the Assessors in each town and Ward in every year between the first days of may and July are required to assess the taxable real and Personal property in their towns and wards of every person as occupied or possessed on the first day of may in that year

It appears by satisfactory evidence that the Capital Stock of the Company was not paid in, or secured to be paid in by the first day of May last or any part of it as seems to be required by the act alluded to, and therefor the Assessment upon the personal estate of the Company is erroneous

The Committee therefor offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of taxes for the Second Ward be directed to return the amount of the personal tax only against the Chemical Bank among the errors &c. of the Ward leaving the tax on the real estate to be collected

Respectfully Submitted

J Hedden
S Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Signed D. E. Dunscomb

Which Report was approved and the Resolution adopted

[116] The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of James Moore reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was refered the Petition of James Moore respecting, an error in the Assessment upon his personal property respectfully report, as follows

That the Assessor's of the Eighth Ward have certified that an Assessment ought not to have been by them made upon the personal estate of the Petitioner over and above the Sum of Six thousand five hundred Dollars.

The Committee therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the collector of taxes for the 8th Ward be required to collect of and from James Moore what may be lawful to receive upon an Assessment of Six Thousand five hundred Dollars

Respectfully submitted

J Hedden
Henry J. Wyckoff
S Cowdrey
Signd D. E. Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the Subject of the Assessment for the Sewer in Canal Street and Collect St and also of the Remonstrances of the [117] Owners of Lots against confirming the same presented a report being a Statement of the case without exp[r]essing any opinion thereon as they would wish further time to make a full exposition of the case. The same having been read it was ordered to lie for further consideration, and the Counsel was directed to associate with himself two other Counsellers to furnish to the Board their written opinion on the case

The Finance Committee on the Petition's of Nathan Sanford, Henry Overing, and James Patton for Water Grants Reported as follows

The Finance Committee beg leave respectfully to report on the annexed Petition's of the Hon. Nathan Sanford, Henry Overing, and James Patton for Water grants in front of their Premises, That Mr Sanfords front on Washington Street is 125 feet and Mr Patton's 75 feet and that in the opinion of your Committee the Usual Water Grants may be made with propriety to them at a quit rent of One Dollar and fifty cents pr foot forever, and upon the usual terms, Conditions, and stipulations; And that a Grant may with propriety be made to Henry Overings for the Land under Water in front of his premises between Barrow, and Christopher Street on the North River

at the same quit rent but upon the same terms & Conditions as to the Wharf and Wharfage as are contained [118] in Water Grants heretofore made to Francis Cochran and Hamilton Briggam lower down on the North River so that the same may whenever the Board deem it expedient be made a public Slip. That if either of the above named gentleman choose to commute for the quit rent at the rate established by the Board their Grants may be made out accordingly.

Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration the following resolution

Resolved that the Counsel prepare the necessary Grants to the above named parties agreeably to this report, and that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the board; and that the rent commence from the time and that the Commutations if made be with a proportional deduction for present payment—The said parties to pay all expences

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
S. Cowdrey
Signd Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Judah Hammond to be permitted *to be permitted* to pay his proportion of an Assessment reported in favour, as follows

[119] The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Petition of Judah Hammond Esqr that the Petitioner wishes the Common Council to authorise the payment of an Assessment on a Lot of Land Assessed for widening Banker Street, and also for Widening and improveing Pike Street in proportions according to the interest of Persons respectively owning undivided portions of the Lot

That the power to do this, is vested in the Common Council by Law and your Committee therefore offer for the Consideration of the Board the annexed Resolution

Asa Mann
Wm H. Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
S. Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Resolved pursuant to the power contained in the Act entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled an Act for the more effectual collection of Taxes and assessments in the City of New York," passed March 23d 1821 that it is just and equitable that Judah Hammond Mr Goman

and Jane his Wife, William Neilson, and James Arnet Junior, and Mary his Wife, who respectively claim an undivided fourth part of the Lot of land herein described, should respectively pay one fourth part of the Assessment imposed by virtue of the Laws of this State upon the following lot of Land for widening Banker Street from Oliver Street to Pike Street in the [120] fourth and Seventh Wards of this City and also for Widening and improving Pike Street from between Division Street and Cherry Street in the Seventh Ward of said City amounting in the whole to the sum of Four hundred and Ninety three Dollars, that is to say that the said Judah Hammond may pay the sum of One hundred and twenty three Dollars and twenty five cents to the Collector; and the said Mr Goman and Wife the like sum; the said William Neilson the like sum; and the said James Arnet Junior, and Wife the like sum; And that in case any of the said sums shall remain unpaid so many undivided fourths parts of the said lot of Land upon which the same shall be so unpaid shall be sold in the usual manner, according to Law to satisfy the residue of such assessment interest and Charges; Which said lot of land, in the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate, and Assessment for Widening Banker Street is described as belounging to Judah Hammond and the heirs of William Neilson, as follows, viz All that certain other piece or parcell of land situate Northerly of and adjoining the piece or parcel of land last described in the said Report, and bounded, and containing, as follows, to wit: Beginning at the North Westerly corner of the said piece or parcel of land last described in said Report, and running thence [121] Northwarly along land now or lately belonging to Benjamin Gifford, and George Corwin One hundred feet thence Easterly twenty four feet, and eight inches to land now or lately belonging to the Estate of Mary McCrea, and under lease to Charles Schieffelin, thence Southwardly along the said last mentioned land One hundred feet to the piece or parcel of [land] last described in the said Report, thence Westerly along the piece or parcel of [land] last described in said Report Twenty four feet and ten inches to the place of begining; And which said lot in the Report of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for Widening & improving Pike Street as aforesaid is described as belonging to the Estate of Anna Banker, and as under lease to the Estate of William Neilson and is distinguished by the No 190 and described as situate lying and being in the Seventh Ward of the said City, and bounded and containing as follows, to wit, Southerly by the Northerly side of Banker Street Twenty four feet and ten inches Easterly by land now or

lately belonging to the Estate of M^cCrea One hundred and eight feet and ten inches Northwardly by land now or lately belonging to William M^cVeigh twenty four feet eight inches and Westwardly by land now or lately belonging to George Corwin, and by the piece or parcel of last before described in the said Estimate and Assessment One hundred and eight feet and ten inches

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[122] The Finance Committee on the Petition of J. N. Greentzebach for the purchase in fee of Lot of Common Land reported against the Petitioner which was read and laid for consideration.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of J. H Newcomb for the purchase in fee of two Lots of Common Land reported against the same, as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of John H. Newcomb who wishes to purchase Lots N^o 56 & 59 of the common Lands, That inasmuch as the said two lots are now under cultivation by the comissioners of the Alms House, and are therefore connected with that establishment, Your Committee think it inexpedient to sell or dispose of Said Lots. They therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Asa Mann
S. Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
W^m H Ireland
Signd W^m Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[123] The Alderman and Assistant of the 10^th Ward and Street Commissioner on Petition for a Well and pump Corner of Eldridge and Stanton Streets reported in favour as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10^th Ward and Street Commission[er] to whom was refered the annexed petition of Albert Fisher and others for a Well and pump in Eldridge Street near Stanton Street Report that a Well is much wanted in that Neighborhood—and accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Gideon Ostrander
W^m P. Rathbone
Signed R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 3d Ward and Street Commissioner on Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Greenwich and Warren Streets reported in favour as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of 3d Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was refered the Petition for a Well and pump in Warren Street near Greenwich Street Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and [124] accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Wm H Ireland
Philip Hone
Signd R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Market Committee presented the following Report on the subject of sales at Auction of the leases of Four new Stalls in Essex Market

The Market Committee beg leave respectfully to report

That in pursuance of the directions of the Board they have proceeded to sell at Auction the leases of four new Stands reserved in the Essex Market. They were sold for a premium of $1790 and the amount paid in, and secured to be paid to the Collector of the City Revenue.

The Rent reserved for the present Year is thirty Dollars each

The lessees of the above Stands being all respectable young men regulary brought up to the Butchers buisiness, and in the opinion of your Committee suitable persons to receive licences They beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

[125] Resolved that licences be granted to the following persons for Stands in the Essex Market

To Stephen Jordan for Stand No 5
Philip H Underhill " " " 6
John Palmer " " " 7
Henry Resler Jur " " " 8

Philip Hone
Wm H. Ireland
Signd D. E. Dunscomb

Whereupon the Report was app[r]oved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee presented the following report on the Subject of repaving the Walks at several of the Markets and for Regulating Christopher Street from Hudson to Washington Street

The Market Committee beg leave respectfully to report

That the present situation of the grounds adjacent to some of the Markets in the upper Part of the City is such as to render ineffectual the measures which the Committee are desirous to adopt for the perpose of cleansing, and regulating the said Markets. And your Committee thereupon beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the Walks [126] occupied by the Fishermen, and Sellers of Vegetables in Center market to be flagged.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the flagging of Spring Street Market to be repaved and raised in such parts as he may deem necessary

Resolved that the Street Committee be requested to take measures for regulating and paving Christopher Street from Hudson to Washington Streets

Philip Hone
Wm H. Ireland
Signd D. E. Dunscomb

Which was app[r]oved and the resolutions adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of J. Vandewater for a Butcher's Stand presented the following Report granting him stall No 3 Franklin Market viz

The Market Committee to whom was refered the annexed Petition of John Vandewater for Licence for Stand No 9 Grand Street Market, beg leave respectfully to report

That the Petitioner has withdrawn his application for the Stand in Grand Street Market and is an applicant for the Stand No 3 Franklin Market, which has become vacant by the removal of Caleb Angevine to the Greenwich Market [127] Mr Vandewater has been regularly brought up to the Butchers buisness, and is in the opinion of your Committee a suitable person to receive a Licence. They therefor recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that a Butcher's Licence be granted to John Vandewater for the Stand No 3 Franklin Market

Philip Hone
Wm H. Ireland
Signd D. E. Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of G Montgomery and J Kent for exchange of Stalls reported in favour, as follows

The Market Committee to whom was refered the anexed Petition of George Montgomery and John Kent for permission to exchange the stands they severally occupy in Grand Street and Catharine Markets, beg leave respectfully to report

That on examination they do not perceive that any loss or inconvenience can result to the Corporation, from granting the prayer of the Petitioners. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that George Montgomery and John Kent have permission to exchange their respective stands and that licences be issued to George Montgomery for [128] Stand N° 41 Catharine Market and to John Kent for Stand N° 9 Grand Street Market

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
Signd D. E. Dunscomb

Which was app[r]oved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of Elias Deforest for Stall N° 61 Fulton Market reported in favour, as follows

The Market Committee to whom was refered the annexed Petition of Elias Deforest for a lease of the Stand N° 61 Fulton Market, beg leave respectfully to report

That said stand is at present unoccupied and the application of Mr Deforest being supported by the recommendation of a large proportion of the Butchers in Fulton Market Your Committee are of opinion that it is proper to grant his Petition and have fixed the annual rent at One hundred Dollars if the Board should agree with the Committee on the propriety of granting him a licence.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that a Butcher's licence be granted to Elias Deforest for [129] the Stand N° 61 Fulton Market

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
Signd D. E. Dunscomb

Which was app[r]oved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was refered the Petition for taking down the lower Catharine Market and erecting another in its place reported in favour as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referd the annexed Petition, of a number of the owners and occupants of Property in the vicinity of Catharine Market praying that the lower Market at Catharine Slip may be taken down and a new one erected on its Scite, beg leave respectfully to report

That the market establishment at Catharine Slip has become one of considerable importance; it is frequented by a great number of respectable Butchers, Country people, and Fishermen, and supplies a large proportion of the Inhabitants of the Eastern, and Northern Sections of the City. The publick derives from it a larger revenue in proportion to its cost than from any other Market, and your Committee are disposed to give it a full share of the disbursements now making by them for cleaning and repairing the principal Markets

But on examination it is found that the lower Markert is a mere Shed in [130] a ruinous State not worth repairing, and its continuance in its present State, would not only be unjust as it respects the Butchers who pay a liberal rent to the Corporation for their Stands, but must become a nuisance to the neighbourhood.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that it is proper to take measures without delay for the removal of the present Building, and the erection of a New Market in its place, and they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, That the lower Market House at Catharine Slip be removed and that a new one be erected on its present Scite under the directions of the Market Committee

Philip Hone
Wm H. Ireland
Signd D. E. Dunscomb

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Comptroller presented Accounts of Oliver Morss and of G. G. Smith for Refreshments furnished to Juries on Criminal Trials which were refered to the Finance Committee

The Comptroller presented the following Report on the accounts of Jacob P Roome Superintendent of repairs which was directed to be filed

[131] The Committe of Repairs and the Comptroler respectfully report that they have examined the Accounts of Jacob P. Roome Superintendent of Repairs, from 7th January to 12th July 1825

Ballance due Corporation 7th Jany 1825		54.34
Amount of Warrants to Superintendent		18.613.
Sundry Articles sold by him		850.34
	Dolls.	19.517.68
He has paid, agreeably to vouchers examined by the Committee of Repairs		19.398.95
Ballance due Corporation 12 July 1825		$118.73

Gideon Ostrander
Jameson Cox
Signd John Webb
G N Bleecker Comptroler

The Counsel presented the following Report in relation to a piece of Ground at Bellevieu purchased of Samuel Jones Jur. Esq.

The Counsel begs leave respectfully to report, to the Board, that a Strip of Ground on the East River included within the Walls of the Alms House establishment was purchased in 1814 of Samuel Jones Jur. Esqr for three Thousand Dollars, and that 28th Street was at the same time ceded by Mr. Jones, to the Corporation. That the same together with [132] *with* adjoining land of Mr Jone's appears to have a subsisting incumbrance upon it to the Columbian Insurance Company, of about five Thousand Dollars, and that the Mortgage having been foreclosed without making this Corporation parties, the Solicitor for the said Company has proposed that the Board should consent to be made parties, and consent to the sale of the property that that part of the Mortgaged premises not in the possession of this Corporation should be sold first, and that the Corporation should pay the deficiency if any or that the Strip or gore of land in possession of the Board should be sold. That the enclosed is the consent which has been prepared for the purpose, which the subscriber submits to the Board for their direction

That he has consulted the Finance Committee on the propriety of agreeing thereto, and also the Street Commissioner and that they think that the proposition ought to be acceded to

Whereupon the Agreement therein proposed was directed to be entered into by the counsel on the part of the Corporation and the same duly authenticated

The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of Patrick Lee Guardian of Bernard Brady Jur Reported, as follows

[133] The Counsel of the Board respectfully reports on the annexed Petition of Patrick Lee, Guardian of Bernard Brady Junior That the

Property of Brady, was administered upon by the public administrator, and a Ballance of Two Hundred and Eighteen Dollars, and Sixty nine cents paid into the City Treasury. That the Petitioner as Guardian of the before named Infant, may with propriety be paid the one half of said sum of money, upon his giving the usual Indemnity Bond, with security and that he offers Thomas Mooney Collector of the 6th Ward, as his security.

The subscriber considers that if the Petitioner gives the necessary Indemnity Bond, with the security as proposed, that the Comptroller (as is usual in such cases) be requested to report a Warrant in his favour for the sum of One hundred and nine Dollars and Thirty four cents

All which is respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the said report was approved and the Comptroller directed to Report a Warrent in conformity therewith

The Counsel presented the following report on Wm L. Simers,

The Counsel respectfully reports, that an Ordinance for a penalty of $100 for not filling in his lot in Mott Street between Prince and Bleeker Streets, was put in my hands against William L. Simers, but that Mr Simers has [134] since complied with the same to the Satisfaction of the City Inspector, and paid all cost, Under these circumstances, the remission of the penalty is respectfully recommended

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the penalty was remitted

The Counsel to whom had been refered a communication from the Street Commissioner respecting a Building now erecting on the Southerly side of Water St so as to leave Water Street but 45 feet reported that it does not appear that Water Street has been widened to 50 feet by any valid proceedings, and he recommended it being referred to the Street Commissioner to negociate with the owners of Ground in that part of the Street, which was approved and it was refered accordingly

The Counsel on the Petition of Wm F Baker presented the following report which was accepted and ordered to be filled

The Counsel of the Board respectfully reports on the annexed Petition of Wm F Baker, That it appears that the Petitioner has a Water right between Catharine and Water Streets and Commenced to fill up the same, agreeably to an Ordinance of the Board, requiring

the proprietors in that [135] vicinity to fill in by the first of Sep[t] next. That Robert M[c]Comb Esq[r] has been required to fill in one lot by the same time but has not yet commenced the work, In consequence the bulk-head will be incompleete, the work delayed, and the adjoining proprietors who are filling in will be greatly inconvenienced

The counsel has considered these circumstances, and is of opinion that the Board cannot fill in the said Lot in which M[c]Comb is interested at his expence or at the expence of the owners thereof untill the Ordinance is expired

When the Ordinance is run out, and the work is not done by the proprietors, the Statute provides that the Board may do the same at their expence, nor can the Board in the opinion of the counsel repeal the Ordinance, and pass another giving a shorter time within which the work is to be done. The time is three months

It is to be regretted, that the other proprietors commenced their part of the work before M[r] M[c]Comb commenced his—but having been placed in such a situation by the neglect of M[r] M[c]Comb the only course is, for the Petitioners to finish their part of the work without reference to M[c]Combs, or to wait untill the Board can legally do the work which M[r] M[c]Comb may have neglected at the expiration of the ordinance

Respectfully Submitted

M Ulshoeffer

[136] The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Enginer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine C[o] N[o] 4

W[m] Low Tin Worker 35 Lombardy S[t]
Vc. Appollos Hall Resigned

N[o] 6

Stephen Demyer Carpenter 137 Chamber S[t]
Vc. John Fisher Resigned

John Schenck Carpenter 56 Leonard S[t]
Vc Theodore Goerck Resigned

Edward M Hoffmier Carpenter Duane & Chapel
V[e] Benjamin Barker Deceas[d]

N[o] 19

John B. Gedney Brass Founder 237 Bowery
V[c] James B. Wall Resigned

No 23

Thos^{s} Smith Carpenter Rhynders Street
V^{c} John Hinton Joined another company
Charles Mickelburgh Carpenter Broom S^{t} 519
V^{c} John Gordon time Expired
James Van Bueren Stone Cutter Laight Street
V^{c} James Ziess time Expired

No 26

Cyrus Benjamin Carpenter 7 Reed Street
V^{c} W^{m} Sherwood time Expired

No 29

Stephen Merritt Dyer near Greenwich Lane
V^{c} Jeremiah Pangburn time Expired

No 39

Sears G. Cutter Druggist Greenwich S^{t}
V^{o} Thomas Tooker Resigned

[137] Lantern Bearer

Fredk. Bogardus Leader Maker Rosevelt S^{t}
V^{c} David Dibble time Expired

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed viz

For a Well and pump in Warren Street near Greenwich Street and Isaac Kip, Abraham Boudoine, and Cary Dunn were appointed assessors

Also for a Well and Pump in Eldridge near Stanton Street and Benjamin Prince, Abraham Dally, and John Brower were appointed Assessors

He also presented a Communication respecting paving the side Walks of Chamber, Warren, Murray and Robinson Streets which was agreed to.

"The Street Commissioner respectfully recomends the paving of the side Walks of Chamber, Warren, Murray, and Robinson Streets between Washington and West Streets, and also West Street between Murray, and Reed Streets—The Carriage ways of which have been lately paved, and the side walks remain in an unregulated and unpaved State, very inconvenient to foot passengers, and which cannot be remedied but by special Ordinances the passing of which is respectfully submitted"

R. Graves
S^{t} Commissioner

[138] Also a Communication respecting the Buildings on Banker and Pike Streets

The Street Commissioner respectfully informs the Hon^ble the Common Council that the time limited for the removal of Buildings from Banker and Pike Streets was to the first Day of July now past—but owing to a variety of circumstances some of them yet remain on the Street. the Owners appeared to be disposed to comply with requisitions of the Board, but the difficulty of procuring proper persons to remove their Buildings has prevented them—If the Common Council should deem it advisable to grant them a few days longer they will in all probability be removed without the necessity of coercing them by suits for the penalty of incumbering the Streets.

The opinion of the Board is respectfully solicited

R Graves
S^t Com^r

Which being read he was directed to grant to the proprieters of the Buildings on said Streets fourteen days to remove the same, and in case of neglect that he have them removed forthwith

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for the correction [139] of Nuisances (as follows)

The City Inspector respectfully reports two Ordinances for the Correction of Nuisances Viz

N^o 1	S. Elder	Owner	Grand Street	a Lot
" 2	M. Lewis	do	Anthony "	Do

George Cuming City Inspc^r

Which were passed

The City Inspector to whom had been refered the Petition of the New York Dry Dock association presented the following report

The City Inspector respectfully Reports on the Petition of the Dry Dock Association to prevent Nuisances in their Neighbourhood, and protect their timber &c. from Spoliations &c—refered to him at the last meeting of the Board

They ask for Police officers to protect their property from assemblages of persons on Sundays, and other days

As there is no complaint of any Nuisance removable by the City Inspector, he is unable to offer any remedy

Respectfully Submitted
G. Cuming
City Inspector

Which was accepted and directed to be filed

[140] The Mayor stated that agreeably to a resolution of this Board he had transmitted to the Municipal Authorities of the different Cities in the United States a Copy of the report of the Law Committee on Interments, When it was directed that the remaining Copies be distributed by the Clerk under the direction of the members of the Board.

An Invitation was received from the Trustees of Columbia College to attend the Annual Commencement of said Institution on Tuesday the 2d Inst which was accepted

His Honor the Mayor presented to the Board a report from the Board of Health containing the following resolutions of said Board.

1 Resolved, that the Street Inspectors be and they are hereby appointed Health Wardens, with power at all reasonable times in the day time, to enter into and examine all Dwelling houses, Stores, Buildings, apartments, Lots, Yards, enclosures and places of every discription within this City to ascertain, whether the condition thereof or any thing therein contained or there being, may be prejudical to the public health

2d Resolved that this Board will assemble untill the first day of October [141] next on Thursday in each week at 12 oClock in the Mayors office for the purpose of attending to such matters as may concern the public health

3d Resolved that the said Wardens shall each be allowed the sum of 37½ Cents per day in addition to the compensation now paid to them as Street Inspectors untill the first day of October next.

Which Report and Resolutions was directed to be filed

The Recorder presented the following which was agreed to

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to prepare a Warrant at the next meeting of this Board in favour of the Committee for the reception and entertainment of Genl La Fayette for Seven hundred and fifty Dollars

Mr Cox presented the following which was agreed to

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the building erected on Water Street South east corner of Catharine Slip to be removed

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was agreed to

Resolved that it be refered to the Street Committee to examine and report to this Board their opinion as to the opening [142] Christopher from Washington to West Streets

Alderman Ireland presented the following which was refered to the Finance Committee

Resolved that it be refered to the Finance Committee to enquire

into the propriety of directing the Comptroller to keep the Accounts of the City funds, distinct from all other monies—Also as to the expediency of his reporting only such balances in the Treasury as are composed of Monies actually belonging to the public, And that said Committee direct him to pursue *to pursue* such course in relation thereto as in their opinion (on inquiry) may best comport with the public interest

Mr Burtsell presented the following resolution which was agreed to

Resolved, That the Keeper of Pottersfield be allowed in addition to his present Compensation, the sum of one Dollar per day from and after the first day of May 1825

Upon Motion it was agreed that the Board go into the appointment of a Captain for the first Watch District in the place of Henry Leek resigned—The Petitions from the different applicants having been read the Board proceeded to Ballot, and upon counting the Votes it appeared that Abraham Blauvelt was duly chosen. And it [143] was resolved that Abraham Blauvelt be and he is hereby appointed Captain of the Watch of the first District in place of Henry Leek resigned

The Comptroler made the Following report

Ballance as per Acct 18th July		$93.894.27
Recd for Streets		8997.49
Tavern and Excise Licenses		1400.
Recd for Rents		304.87
" Wells and Pumps		195.50
" Sales at Public Yard		111.00
" Mayoralty fees		100.00
" Commutation Alien Passengers		100.
		105.103.13

65 Accounts Audited and directed to be paid

Capt Conklin Watch 1 Dist	$971.25
Hibberd & Clark " 2 "	775.25
Bleakley & Stagg " 3 "	750.75
C. Stagg Extra Watch 3d " 12 July	10.50
William Paulding Mayor 1 Qr Salary 26th July	750.00
J. Morton Clerk C. C. 1 Qr 1st Inst	500.
J. Sidell 1st Marshall 1 Qr do 1st July	225.
A. B. Martling Keeper City Hall 1 Qr Salary 1st Inst	200.
Austin & Higbie Messengers 1 Mo	52.
Ob. Ayres Assistant City Inspect	45.50
J Coffin do " "	45.50
C. Myers Keeper of Pottersfield	38.75
[144] C Gilman Keeper of the Battery	31.
A McCready " " Park	31.

R Jaques Street Inspect 1 Ward.....	34.87
P Wright " " 2 "	34.87
J Jeroleman " " 3 "	34.87
N. B. Lyon " " 4 "	34.87
I A Isaac's " " 5 "	34.87
W Kerr " " 6th 25 days in July.....	28.12
B Fuller " " 7 1 Mo. 1st Ins.....	34.87
S. Hutchings " " 8 " " "	34.87
D. Hubbard " " 10 " " "	34.87
Aldn Taylor Chairn Committee 4th July for expences.....	1160.27
A. B. Martling Keeper City Hall expences corporation 12th Inst	279.01
J. Morton Cleark C. C. for Hack Hire for Committees....	6.00
J Coffin Assist City Inspt removing nuisances 1 Qr 1st Inst	61.81
J Pinckney Assist Board Health 1. Mo.....	45.50
B Hicks " do " "	45.50
Abrm Leggett Work mud Scow 4th to 31st July.....	136.62
P & H. Vanpelt Printing 1 Qr 1st Inst.....	454.75
John Rowlett 24 Tanner's map of North America.....	240.
Gould & Banks 36 Vols. Laws of the State 1825.....	99.
Thos Longworth 6 Copies Directory.....	10.50
G. *Smith* [Snethen] Ligt Lamps 1 Mo 1s Inst.....	649.05
Robt Provost repairing Lamps.....	54.91
Van Duser & Carman work at Lamps 1st June to 1st August	46.06
John J Howe Physician City prison 1 Qr Salary 1st Inst...	75.
[145] L. Baum Clerk Washington Ma[r]ket one Month 1st Augst	74.17
P Amerman 3 Markets.....	48.50
G. Duryea Clerk Fulton Market.....	41.67
R Smith " Franklin "	38.75
I. Austin Sweeper Fulton.....	38.59
P. H. Wendover Sheriff for officers attending Courts 1 Qr 1st Inst	1185.
J. Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 qr 1 Inst.....	400.
E Morrill " 4. 6 " "	400.
H Meigs " 5. 8 " "	400.
H Scovill " 7. 10 " "	400.00
D. M. Cowdry Clerk 1. 2. 3 " "	187.50
G Betts " 4. 6 " "	187.50
J. Campbell " 5. 8 " "	187.50
W. H. Smith " 7. 10 " "	187.50
Wm Sherwood 1 Qr rent for court 1. 2. 3 Ward 1st Inst....	37.50
H Smith Acct for Regulating & pavg Cannon St from Broom to Stanton St.....	650.
H Smith Acct for Cross Warlks 3d Ward.....	100.
Daniel Ewen Surveys &c 1 qr 1s July.....	89.00
Eli Bridges " " "	63.74
J McCombe repairs Intersections 1 Ward.....	272.88
R Ayres 185 Load Earth at foot Duane Market.....	21.50

I A Isaac's 98 Load from Canal St Sewer.....	7.60	
R Pettigrue Cleas Well Washington St. near Clarkson Street	31.88	
J. Gallagher 1st payt Well Varick St near Hamersly St.....	29.75	
Commissioners Common Schools for 1825.....	7208.89	
[146] J. Fleming Treasr to pay Interest on City Stock 1 Qr 1st Augst	18.500.	
Jacob Rapalye & Jacob G. Dyckman Cleaning Streets 1 Qr 1st Augst	1250.	
		40.136.98
Ballance Dolls		64.966.15

[148] In Common Council August 15th 1825

Present The Hon William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistents
William H Ireland	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Josiah Hedden
Mathew Reed	Jameson Cox
Asa Mann	Daniel E Dunscomb
Gideon Ostrander	William P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial of the Manhattan Company was presented stating that they suffer great inconvenience and injury from the construction of Vaults whereby their Pipes for conducting the Water are injured and praying some releif—which was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Gilbert Griffen for Stall No. 40 Catherine Market was read and referred to the Market Committe.

A Petition from a number of Butchers that the Conduct of Abraham Passman a Butcher may be enquired into was read and referred to the Market Committe.

[149] A Petition of Jacob Schieffelien for relief respecting an award on an assessment for widening Bancker Street the same having been awarded to Charles [Schieffelien] instead of Petitioner was referred to the Committe on Assessments.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Manhattan Island for the establishment of a Hook and Ladder Company at that place was presented and referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

A Petition of the Proprietors of Steam Boat Governour Wolcott for permission for Boat to lie at Stevens Wharf was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants on Manhattan Island stating that the Cow House on said place is not a nuisance and requesting the same may be permitted to remain was referred to the Police Committe.

A Petition of A Laurent for permission to extend the drain from his Distillery on the East River and adjoining his Dairy Establishment was referred to the Police Committe and

A Petition of Daniel Griswold to extend a drain from the said Distillery into the East River was referred to the same Committe.

A Petition of William B Astor for relief from an assessment on his Personal property was referred to the Committe on Assessments.

[150] A Petition of William Simpson for relief from an Assessment on a Lot belonging [to] him for making the Canal Street Sewer was read and referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition from Barbara Owen for relief from an Assessment upon her for Canal Street Sewer was referred to the Committe on Assessments.

A Remonstrance against Repaving the carriage way in Chatham Street was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants in the vicinity of Division Street and Grand Street that a Watchman may be stationed in that neighbourhood was referred to the Watch Committe

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants complaining of the Practice of Dealers in Ashes of measuring them in the street and praying a remedy was referred to the Committe on Public Offices

A Petition from the Dealers in White Sand praying that an Inspector of that Article may be appointed, was referred to the Committe on Public Offices

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the present pavement of Chatham Street was referred to the Street Committe

[151] A Petition of Peter Stuyvesant for Office of Assistant to Captain of the City Watch First District was read and laid on the Table as were also simular petitions of James E Hide, Daniel Fisher and Jesse Wood they were afterward on the Ballots being taken for that office called up and read

A Memorial of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of S^{t} Phillips Church and of the remaining survivors of the African Society was presented stating that the Members of the African Society with the

aid of the Corporation of the City—of the Vestry of Trinity Church and by their own individual Contributions did in the year 1795 purchased Two Lots on First Street now Christie Street to be applied to Religeous purposes of said Society who worship according to the forms of the Protestant Episcopal Church which lots have been used as a Cemetry that said lots were conveyed to the Corporation of the City to hold the same in Trust for said African Society until they could be Incorporated that the remaining members of the said African Society are desirous that the said Lots should be conveyed in fee to the Corporation of S^{t} Phillips Church and they respectfully pray that such conveyance may be made by the Corporation the same having been read was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Francis M Drexel an Artist residing in Philadelphia requesting to be permitted to take a copy of the Portrait of General Bolivar now in possession of the Corporation was read and the request granted

[152] A Petition for a Well and Pump at 2^{d} Avenue and 26th Street was read and laid on the table

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the proposed measure of widening the Side Walks of Broadway from the Battery to Canal Street was read and referred to the Street committe

A Memorial from a number of persons dealers in Charcoal stating that John P. Smith one of the City Measurers is neglectfull of his duty and retains the money belonging to the owners of Charcoal for a length of time and praying his removal from office was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Presentment of the Grand Jury presenting Catherine Lane and its Inhabitants as a very great nuisance was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Ann M^{c}Lean praying for payment of the sum awarded to her as owner of Lot corner of Bancker and Catherine Street for damages sustained by Opening Bancker Street was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Resignation from Alexander Crawford of his Office of Register of Dogs was presented and his Resignation was Accepted and it was Resolved that the subject of the Law relative to Dogs be referred to the Police Committe

[153] A Petition from Andrew Mercein for repayment of a sum Assessed on him and paid for the Repavement of Chatham street the Houses on the said Lots having been removed by the order of the Common Council was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Richard Kidney to be releived from a fine incurred by incumbering the street was referred to the Police Committe

A Petition of George M Patten complaining of the sale of Stall N° 1 Greenwich Market of which he was the proprietor to M^r Valentine was read and referred to the Market Committe

A Petition of Ebenezer Clark requesting that a part of his House standing on the Easterly side of Broadway the ground on which it stands having been taken to open Houston Street may be permitted to remain until said Houston Street shall be opened was read and referred to the Street Committe

A Remonstrance from sundry owners of property against the Canal Street Assessment was referred to the Commissioners who made the Assessment

A Petition of Francis B Fitch one of the Lessees of Castle Garden requesting permission to assign his Interest in said lease to Antoine Malapar was read and referred to the Finance Committe

[154] A Remonstrance from F G Mott complaining of his expulsion as a Member from Fire Engine Company No 11 and praying the Board to examine into the same was referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

The Police Committe to whom was referred the account of the High Constable for transferring Children to the House of Refuge reported in favor as follows

The Police Committe to whom the annexed account of the High Constable for the transportation of Twenty eight Children to the House of Refuge was referred Respectfully Report

That they consider the charge of Fifty cents for the transportation of each child a reasonable charge and they are of the opinion that the account ought to be paid by this Board They beg leave to offer the following resolution Resolved that the annexed account of Fourteen dollars be paid out of the first monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated

Tho^s Bolton Ch^n
J Hedden
Signed S Cowdrey

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Police Committe on the petition of John Sears for establishment of a Circus for Flying Horses reported in favor

The Police Committe to whom the petition of John Sears proprietor of the Flying Horses was referred

Respectfully Report

[155] That Mr Sears asks permission of this Board to establish a Covered Circus for his exhibitions and promises that no Impropriety whatever shall be tolerated and that it shall at all times be open to the inspection and subject to the Control of the Peace Officers of this City

The Committe have given this subject that consideration which the public interest as well as that of Mr Sears seems to demand and after mature reflection they cannot perceive why this amusement cannot be regulated and made both innocent and healthy At all events they think a trial ought to be made according to the plan proposed by Mr Sears and they beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that John Sears be permitted to establish a covered Circus for the exhibition of his Flying Horses according to the prayer of his annexed petition

Thos Bolton
J Hedden
Signed S Cowdrey

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the tenth Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Suffolk and Stanton Streets reported in favor

The Alderman and Assistant of the tenth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Suffolk near Stanton Street report that in their opinion a Well is much required at that place and accordingly [156] submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
Signed R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and Pump at the Corner of Sheriff and Delancy Streets reported in favor

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Sheriff Street near Delancy Street report

That in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
Signed R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and Pump at the Corner of Willet and North Street reported in favor

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of William Appleby and others for a Well and Pump in Willett [157] street near North Street report

That in their opinion a well is much wanted in that vicinity and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
Signed R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner on the petition for a Well and pump in Amity street between Thompson and Sullivan Streets reported in favor

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for a Well and Pump in Amity Street between Thompson and Sullivan Street report

That in their opinion a Well is much wanted at that place and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
D E Dunscomb
Signed R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward on the Petition for a Well and Pump in McDougal Street near Amity Street Reported [158] in favor

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Com-

missioner to whom was referred the petition for a Well and Pump in M^{c}Dougall Street near Amity Street Report

That in their opinion a Well is necessary at that place and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
D E Dunscomb
Signed R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

His Honor the Mayor stated that in Compliance with the Resolution of the Board he had prepared and now presented to the Board a report of the Proceedings of Common Council in relation to bringing pure and wholesome water into the City from the 30th January 1786 to the 28th Febuary 1825

Whereupon the same was directed to be placed on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Common Council

A Report from Peter F Cisco Inspector of Weights and Measures was presented and ordered to be filed

The Committe on Applications for Offices to whom had been referred sundry petitions for Offices of Measurer of Grain present the following Report

[159] The Committe on application for office to whom was referred the several annexed petitions of Allin Doughty Aaron Myers and John Langdon to be appointed Measurer of Grain respectfully Report

That they are of opinion the several aplicants are well qualified to discharge the duties of the Office solicited But there being but one vacancy your committe deem it most proper for the Board to make the Selection

Mt^{h} Reed
15th August 1825. Signed Jameson Cox

Whereupon the Board proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill that Office when Allen Doughty was duly chosen and it was

Resolved that Allen Doughty be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain

The Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips on the petition of John K Townsend Lessee of Docks and Slips praying in consequence of losses occasioned by the order of the Corporation regulating Wharfage that some reduction might be made in the rent reserved on his leases presented the following report in his favor

The Committe on wharves Peirs and Slips to whom was referred

the petition of John K Townsend Lessee of First and Second District of the Public Docks Report

That they have had the petitioner and his witnesses before them who Testify to the facts set forth in the Petition to be True and that the whole amount Received by Henry [160] Paddleford the Collector is Eight thousand four hundred and seventy two $^{1}/_{100}$ Dollars and there remains yet due Two hundred and Ninety one $^{4}/_{100}$ cents which sums together Make Eight thousand seven hundred and sixty three $^{5}/_{100}$ Dollars leaving a deficiency of Two thousand Two hundred and sixty one $^{44}/_{100}$ Dollars and the years Salary to be provided for Collector and this heavy loss has been sustained probably in consequence of the Law regulating the wharfage passed about the time of the Contract being entered into which changed from yearly to daily pay, It appears also from the witnesses that the petitioner has used every exertion on his part to prevent any loss or Deficiency under his Contract and that the loss sustained by him and which it satisfactorily appears to your Committe has arisen from Circumstances altogether beyond his control and could not have been anticipated at the time of enterring in the contract and it will be perceived that the loss sustained by M^{r} Townsend was caused by the operation of the Ordinance of the Common Council and therefore would be improper to Compell him to fulfill his Contract to its full extent as he offered to compromise with the owners of Vessels usually coming into the Washington market Slip for twenty p^{r} cent less than the Law authorised him to take, that the First and Second District has a Large and Commodious Bason *Contagious* [contiguous] thereto which enabled Vessels leaving his district to Resort to at much cheaper rates than could be had in any other part of the City

Your Committe are of opinion the facts here stated entitle the petitioner to some relief [161] as he has acted in good faith and used due Diligence in Collecting as much of the amount of his Contract as the circumstances of the case would admit of, It would be extremely hard to compel him to sustain a loss of Between three and four Thousand Dollars which would ruin him and his sureties to comply with Yo[u]r Committe being fully of Opinion the statement of facts before them are Correct, and that no other person could have produced any greater revenue than has been received from the first and second Districts by M^{r} Townsend Collector *and* therefore beg leave Respectfully to offer the following Resolution for the Consideration of the Board

Resolved that the Comptroller on the final settlement with John

K Townsend (Contractor for Districts N° 1 and 2 for the year 1824) credit the said Townsend in the sum of Three thousand Dollars provided however that M^r Townsend shall on or before the 1^st day of September next pay to said Comptroller the whole balance due from M^r Townsend on his lease or contract, after said credit is made and also the costs of the suit now existing otherwise this resolution to be wholly void

John Webb
John Agnew
August 15^th 1825. Signed M^w Reed

The question being taken on agreeing to the Report and a Division having been called by Alderman Cowdry the Members voted as follows

[162] Affirmative M^r Recorder Alderman Webb Reed Ostrander M^r Agnew, Cox Hedden, Dunscomb, Rathbone 9.

Negative Alderman Ireland Cowdrey Mann M^r Bolton 4

So it was carried in the affirmative and the Report was approved and the resolution adopted M^r Cowdrey gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration

The Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips on the Petition for extending Peir N° 10 reported in favor as follows

The Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips to whom was referred the petition of the owners and persons interested in Peir N° 10 East River praying for permission to extend said Peir by sinking a Block at the outer end thereof

Report that in the Opinion of your Committe permission ought to be given to extend said Peir as it is at present thirty seven feet within the prescribed limits for Peirs in the East river accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Peir N° 10 in the East River be extended not exceeding thirty seven feet from the Southerly line of South Street

John Webb
John Agnew
M^w Reed
Asa Mann
Signed W^m H Ireland

[163] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Assessments on the petition of the Trustees of the Free School Society respecting an erroneous assessment upon the Lot of Free School N° 3 reported in favor as follows

The Committe on Assessments to whom was referred the petition

of the Trustees of Free School Society of the City of New York stating that their Lots on which stands the Free School N° 3 at the Corner of Hudson and Burrows streets have been sold for the non payment of Taxes assessed upon them as being the property of Trinity Church Respectfully report

That it appears to the Committe that the assessment upon said Lots was made as being the property of Trinity Church when in fact that body had (previous to said assessment) conveyed all their right and title therein to the Trustees of the said Free School which property was sold under the Law regulating the sale of Lands for non payment of Taxes on the 10th of November 1824 for the tax of 1822

It appears by a duplicate receipt from the Assistant Street Commissioner that the Trustees of the said Free School have paid $58.$^{22}/_{100}$ being the amount *the amount* of the redemption money and the interest thereon acrued the assessment having been erroneously made the Committe offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to issue a warrant to George F Trimble Treasurer of the New York Free School Society for the sum of [164] $58 $^{22}/_{100}$

Respectfully submitted by

Josiah Hedden Ch[a]
S Cowdrey
Signed D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Report adopted

The Counsel reported that the Supreme Court had confirmed the report of the Commissioners of Assessment on Mulberry Street and Sloat Lane as follows

The Counsel respectfully Reports that at the present Term of the Supreme Court—The Reports of the Commissioners for opening Mulberry street and widening Slote lane has been confirmed The abstracts will be delivered to the Street Commissioner in the course of the week

It remains for the Board to determine when these Streets shall be opened within 15 months, in case they deem it proper to postpone the opening and to appoint a Collector

August 15th 1825 M Ulshoffer

Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committe

He also presented a report respecting Cap[t] Cheesborough who had neglected to report Alien Passengers but who has since complied with the law and recomending the remission of the penalty incurred by him which was agreed to and the penalty remitted

The Counsel who had been directed to take the Opinion of Counsel in relation [165] to the question of interest on the Canal Sewer Assessment now pending before the Board presented the following Report together with the opinions of James Kent and William Slosson

The Counsel respectfully Reports to the Board that agreeably to their directions *to* [the] question in relation to Interest arising under the Canal sewer Assessment now pending before the board has been submitted to the consideration of James Kent and William Slosson Esquires whose written opinion with their reasoning at length is herewith submitted

They suggest as their opinion that (considering the Magnitude of the sum in question, and the considerations of equity which might fairly be urged in favor of the claim) the Corporation might without any imputation on their prudence or justice, insist on the interest and leave the parties conceiveing themselves aggrieved, to take the judgment of the Supreme Court upon the validity of the claim—But they give it as their better opinion that the claim of Intrest would be disallowed in all cases of sewers built anterior to the act of 1824

Respectfully submitted

August 15th 1825 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon an ordinance agreeably thereto was presented and passed and Peter Stagg Elisha Tibbets and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

The Ordinance [is] as follows

In Common Council

Elisha Tibbets Peter Stagg and James Bleecker (the Assessors heretofore appointed by this Board [166] to make an estimate of the expence of conforming to an order of the Common Council for making or building a Common Sewer in Canal Street from the Westerly side of the Bulk Head at Washington Street to Collect Street and a just and equitable assessment thereof among the owners or occupants of all the houses and Lots intended to be benefited thereby in proportion as nearly as might be to the advantages which each should be deemed to acquire) having lately made and certified such estimate and asssesment in writing to this Common Council And the same being duly considered by this Board and this Board being of the opinion that [it] is inexpedient to include in the said estimate and Assessment the charge of Interest which is included therein by the said Assessors Therefore

Be it ordained by The Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council covened That it is inexpedient

to ratify the said estimate and assessment, and that the same is hereby referred back to the aforenamed Assessors Elisha Tibbets Peter Stagg and James Bleecker who shall according to Law (and are hereby appointed to) make an estimate of the expence of conforming to the aforesaid order and direction for making or building a Common Sewer in Canal Street as aforesaid and who shall (and are hereby appointed to) make a just and equitable assessment thereof among the owners or occupants of all the houses [167] and (lots intended to be benefitted thereby in proportion as nearly as may be to the advantages which each shall be deemed to acquire thereby

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy

Fire Engine No. 2

Richard Lewis Grocer No 13 Eldrige St Vs David Baker resigned

No. 6

Theodore Goerick Cabinet Maker N. E. Greenwich & Provost
Vs William Ruckel Time expired

Joseph Gouge Carpenter N E Chapel & Duane
vs Joseph Eldrige Do

Mathias Ludlow Shoemaker 369 Greenwich
vs Cornelius Underwood Do

No 12

James Cook Printer 209 Church vs Wm H Whitlock time expired
Robert Theale Resigned
Peter Williams Do

No 19

David Missing Grocer Pump & Elizabeth
vs Charles R Curtis Resigned

No 22

Benjamin Farrington Grocer Lombardy & Pike
vs William Meakins resigned

No 23

John Owen Grate & Fender M Pearl near Chatham
vs John Willson time expired

No 36

Thomas West Carpenter C Spring & Sullivan
vs Isaac Requa Time expired

George F Lawrence Carpenter C Spring & Sullivan
v John Lorton do

Daniel Duryea House Carpenter 96 Thompson St
V William J Clapp left Town
Thomas Taylor Wheel Wright 89 Varrick St
V Edward Watkins Resigned

No 11

Robert H Bailie Expelled for Neglect of Duty
Gabriel F Mott do do
[168] Hook & Ladder Co No 1
John Bates Grocer Corner of Stone & Broad St
Vc James Duffie Jr resigned

The Street Commissioner presenting the following assessment[s] which were confirmed—Viz

For the filling of Grand Street Slip and building a Bulkhead across the same on the Easterly side of Tompkins Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

Also for a Well and Pump in Varrick Street near Hammersly Street and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

Also for paving the side Walks of Christie Street from Brown to Delancy Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

Also for a well and pump in Grand Street near Banker Street and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

He also presented the following Ordinances

For a Well and Pump in Willett Street between Stanton and North Street and Benjamin Prince, Abraham Dally & John Brower were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well and Pump in Suffolk Street near Stanton Street and John Targee Abm Baudoine and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

[*168] Also for a Well and Pump in Sherrif Street near Delancy Street and Benjamin Prince, Abraham Dally and John Brower were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well and Pump in McDougal St near Amity and Cary Dunn Isaac Kipp and Frances Peckwell were [appointed] assessors

Also for a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Amity & Thompson Streets and Isaac Kip Cary Dunn and Frances Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for paving the side Walks of Robinson, Murray, Warren, Chamber and West Streets and Isaac Kip Frances Peckwell and Cary Dunn were appointed Assessors

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

He also presented Returns of Delinquents on the following Assessments and Warrants were ordered to Issue on the nine first to Morris De Camp and on the residue to Noah Jarvis to Collect the same Viz[t]

For opening the 6[th] Avenue from Greenwich Lane to 13[th] Street

For opening Houston Street from Broadway to the Bowery

For Widening Pike Street from Division Street to Cherry Street

For Widening Bancker Street from Oliver to Pike Street

For a public place in the 7[th] Ward at the Intersection of Scammel Grand & Harman Streets

[170] For paving Pitt Street from Division to Stanton Street

For paving Cannon Street from Broome to Stanton Street

For paving Ridge Street from Broome to Delancy Street

For paving Forsyth Street from Stanton to North Street

For regulating and setting Curb Stone in Amity Street between Broadway & 6[th] Avenue

For regulating Green Street from Bleecker to Fourth Street

For Cross walks in the 3[d] Ward

The Street Commissioner presented a communication respecting the Common Sewers—and also of injury done to the sewers by landing heavy articles thereat

Whereupon it was Resolved that he be directed to make the necessary Repairs and it was referred to the Counsel to report an Ordinance prohibiting the landing or placing such Articles at the foot of Clarkson Street as may endanger the sewer

The Street Commissioner presented a communication respecting Repaving a part of Pearl Street between Frankfort and Oak Streets and the part of Frankfort between Chatham and William Street which was referred to the Street Committe

The Street Commissioner presented the following respecting certain unclaimed Lots

The Street Commissioner respectfully represents that in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of this State entitled an Act authorising the Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City [171] of New York to take possession of certain unclaimed lands " passed March 26[th] 1819 be caused public notice to be given to the owners (if any there were) to appear and take possession of their premises—The time having elapsed and no person appearing to claim the following Lots or parcels of Land Viz Lot 932 Bayards East farm east side of Mott Street between Broome and Spring Streets Lots N[os] 421 and 422 Delancys farm westerly side of Forsyth (formerly Second Street) between Delancy and Rivington Streets the rights of possession is now vested

in this Corporation and it rests with your Hon[ble] Board to make such disposition of the said Lots of Land as shall be deemed meet—All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves S[t] Commissioner

Which was directed to be filed

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances Viz

N° 1	M Archer	owner	Mott S[tt]	A Lot
2	E Gibson	Do	Suffolk S[t]	Do
3	J Lorillard	Do	Ferry S[t]	Do

George Cumming
City Inspector

15[th] August 1825

On motion of Alderman Mann Chairman of the Finance Committe, Resolved that the Comptroller [172] be authorised to borrow under the direction of the Finance Committe any sum not exceeding Fifty thousand dollars at an Interest of not more than six per Cent per Annum

Upon Motion the Board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the office of Assistant to the Cap[t] of the First Watch District when Daniel Fisher was Chosen—And it was Resolved that Daniel Fisher be and he is hereby appointed Assistant of the First District Watch in the place of A Blauvelt appointed Captain

Upon Motion it was Resolved that William Cox be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Charcoal

The Comptroller made the following Report

Balance as p[r] Act[t] 1[st] Inst[t]	64.966.15
Rec[d] for Streets	39.413.
for Rents	8.614.81
Tax of 1824 2[d] Ward	1.500.
Fines rec[d] of Attorney	895.75
Justices Courts	746.95
Wells and Pumps	178.64
Mayoralty Fees	98.
Commutation Alien passengers	15.
	116.428.30

47 Accounts Audited and directed to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt	Watch 1[st] Dist[t]	971.25
Hibberd & Clark	do 2[d]	775.25
Bl[e]akely & Stagg	do 3[d]	750.75

[173] G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr salary 15 Inst.....	400.
Jacob P Roome Superr Repairs 1 Qr do 14 Inst.....	250.
John Burger regulating 4 Public Clocks 1 Qr 15th Inst.....	50.
R Riker Chairn La Fayette Committe.....	750.
J Bremner Clerk Catherine Market 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	62.
James Gilbert Clerk 3 Markets.....	49.
George Arrowsmith repairs to Mud scows.....	12.26
Henry Post Junr for 18 Cask of Oil Bot of Job Coleman..	899.60
Harmanus Tallman Coroners fees 1 Qur 1 Inst.....	1324.37
Alexr Young rent for Court 4 & 6 Wards 1 Qur 1 Inst.....	32.50
Samuel Titus do 7 & 10 wards 1 Qur.....	25.00
H Maxwell Dist Attorney 1 Qur Salary 12 Int.....	625.00
H Maxwell do Services at Albany 1824 & 1825 on Revising Criminal Law.....	250.00
R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions 1 Qr Salary 12th Inst.....	375.00
R Hatfield do to pay witnesses at Court 1 Qur 12 Inst..	52.00
S Montgomery for officers serving subpoeneas 1 Qur 1 Inst	205.12
John P Roome Crier of Court 1 Qur 3 Inst.....	50.00
P. H Wendover Sherrif for deputies conveying persons to penitentiary 1 Qur 11 Int.....	10.00
J Hopson Special Justice 1 Qur Salary 12 Inst.....	400.00
H Abell do " "	400.00
S Ovutt do " "	400.00
S L Hommedieu Clerk Police 1 Qur.....	312.50
R Stephens Assistant Clerk "	250.00
Jas Renwick Surveys reg streets b North & 34th Streets ball	750.00
[174] Owen McCabe Actt reg. & pav. Forsyth St from Stanton to North St.....	350.
Wm Felch Actt reg. & pav. Ridge Strt from Broome to Delancy Strt	350.
J Culbert Actt reg. & pav Canal St from Hudson to Green Strt	250.
R *Pittinger* [Pettigrew] Actt pav side walks Washington Beaver Lane & Marketfield St.....	250.00
Wm Gee posting bills 1 Qur 1 Inst.....	26.25
Geo: Lovett bal: flagging Side walks around City Hall & Park	1069.99
R *Pettinger* [Pettigrew] bal Well Morton St near Greenwich Street	40.37
G Charlton 1st payt Well Hudson St near Hamersly Street	35.37
R *Pittinger* [Pettigrew] 1st payt Well in Le Roy near Hudson Street	33.60
J Gallagher bal. Well Green St near Canal St.....	19.50
Pproprietors of Commercial Advertiser for Advertising for owners to Redeem property sold for Taxes 5 Nor 1824 for selves & Albany Argus.....	24.62
Charles Coles Actt filling Slip foot of Stanton & Rivington Strts	8800.00
R Graves St Commrs Act Repairs Roads.....	800.00
Patrick Lee Guardian of Bernard Brady Intestate Estate..	109.34

Alderman Mann Chair[n] Finance Comm[t] to pay Sweepers of the public grounds.....			1000.00	
Jacob P Roome Sup[t] Repairs for repairs.....			1500.00	
J P Roome	do	Fire Department.....	800.00	
J P Roome		Market.....	200.00	
[175] Arthur Burtis Super[t] Alms House for Fever Hospital			2000.00	
A. Burtis	do	Alms House...	5000.00	
				33.090.64
		Balance	Dolls.	83.337.66

[176] In Common Council 29th August 1825

Present The Hon William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Samuel Cowdrey	Thomas Bolton
John Webb	Sam[l] S[t] John
Mathew Reed	Philip Hone
Asa Mann	W[m] Burtsell
W[m] A Davis	Josiah Hedden
Gideon Ostrander	Jameson Cox
	Dan[l] E Dunscomb
	Effingham Schiffilien
	W[m] P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of James Henrietta for remission of penalty incurred by selling Liquor without licence was read and referred to the Police Committe

A Petition of Anna Johnson for relief from fine incurred by not emptying a sink was referred to the Police Committe

A Petition of Cha[s] Henry Hall & Thomas H Smith for permission to establish a Ferry from 13th Street on the East River to Long Island was read & referred to the Ferry Committe

A Petition of Nathan Sandford was received stating that he had erected a House within the Fire [177] limits without knowing that it was within those limits—that he had received orders from the Fire Wardens to pull down the House and he requested he might be permitted to remove the same out of the fire limits—Whereupon it was resolved that permission be given to remove the same under the direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition of the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church at Greenwich was received stating that they are about erecting a larger Church, that on the Lot intended to be used is a one Story building

lately Erected for a Lecture room which is too good to be pulled down that they cannot remove it to their own ground without passing through a street which they ask permission for Whereupon it was Resolved that leave be granted to remove the same under the direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition from W^m L Simers for permission to remove a frame building from Bancker Street to Scammel Street was read and his Petition rejected

A Petition of the Treasurer of the Free School Society for payment of One thousand five hundred dollars allowed by Law out of the proceeds of the Excise was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of the President and Directors of the New York Chemical Company that so much of 32^d Street as extends from the Tenth avenue to the North River may be opened was [178] referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward

A Petition of the same persons for a Water Grant on the North River near where thirty second Street as laid out will terminate was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Paul Armour for relief from a fine incurred by driving a Cart without a Licence was referred to the Police Committe

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Hammond Street and Greenwich Lane was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 30 for a new Engine was referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

A Petition of John Culver to be appointed a Measurer of Charcoal was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Petition of James Seaman to be appointed a Measurer of White Sand was referred to the Committe on Public Offices

A Petition of Henry Hanley for permission to sell spiced Beer in the City from a Cart was referred to the Police Committe

[179] A Petition of Thomas Stagg Junior praying that the sum of Two hundred and Twenty dollars awarded by the Commissioners on opening Bancker Street to Christopher Landon may be paid to Petitioner as the one justly and equitably entitled to receive the same which being read was referred to the finance Committe

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants of the 8^th Ward in Laurens and Wooster Streets representing an Establishment for the Manufactory of Ivory Black as highly offensive and injurious to health and requesting the same may be removed was read and referred to the Police Committe

A Petition of Francis B Ogden for himself and his associates praying to be permitted to receive from the York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company an Assignment of the Lease they hold of the Ferry between New York and Paules Hook from the Corporation of this City—they represent that they have obtained from the Company an Assignment of the Lease from the Jersey Associates of the Ferry from Paules Hook to this City with an extension of the Term of the lease for twelve years and they also request the same extension from the Corporation Whereupon it was referred to the Ferry Committe with authority to authorise the Transfer but to report to the Board on the other subjects of the Petition

A Petition of Thomas Gray for permission to have a Booth near the Tontine Coffe House was referred to [180] the Police Committe

A Remonstance from Certain Captains of Sloops frequenting the Albany Basin against permitting Steam Boats to enter said Basin And a similar Remonstrance from the owners of property and residents in the vicinity of Albany Basin were read and referred to the Committe on Whaves Peirs and Slips

A Memorial of Thomas R Smith Lessee of Public Docks and Slips complaining of the Wharves being incumbered with piles of Plaister of Paris was referred to the Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips

A Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants against granting any facilities to the Dairy Establishment at Stanton Slip they considering them a great nuisance and praying their removal was referred to the Police Committe

A Communication was received from the Commissioners for laying out Streets and Roads under the Act of April 1823 Stating that understanding the Corporation objected to the construction of Sewers in the regulations of the Streets they would submit a plan for carrying off the Water on the surface of the streets which being read was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Isaac Valentine and Daniel S Hyde that the stalls they now occupy [181] in Greenwich Market may not be altered was referred to the Market Committe

A Petition that the side Walks in Allen Street may be paved South of North Street to Allen Street was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Henry Giles for stall Number Ten Grand Street Market was referred to the Market Committe

A Petition of Thomas Wiggins to be appointed a Measurer of Charcoal was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants of the Bowery against permitting Waggons loaded with Hay to be permitted to stand in the Street for the purpose of vending the Hay was referred to the Police Committe

The Police Committe on the Petition of Hooker S[t] John reported against the same as follows

The Police Committe to whom the foregoing Petition of Hooker S[t] John one of the Livery Stable Keepers of this City praying to be relieved from a fine incurred by him for driving a Carriage for hire without a licence on the ground that he had a good defence to submit why said fine should not be imposed was referred

Respectfully Report

That M[r] S[t] John appeared before them and they are extremely sorry to say that no satisfactory reason has been shown why [182] said fine should not be imposed but on the Contrary they consider it a case attended with aggravated circumstances and having no claims on the favour of this Board—They beg leave to offer their opinion in the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted

Thomas Bolton
W[m] A Davis
Josiah Hedden
Signed S Cowdrey

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Police Committe on the Petition of Thomas Bell for relief from a fine imposed on him for removing Houses in the Street reported in favor as follows

The Police Committe to whom the foregoing Petition of Thomas Bell was referred stating that he had been fined and had paid Forty dollars for incumbering the streets with Buildings which he was removing from one place to another and praying for relief

Respectfully Report

That they have considered the case and under the peculiar circumstances involved in it they are induced to recommend a remission of the said penalties after deducting the amount of expences chargeable to this Board and which will leave a Balance of Thirty five dollars to be returned to M[r] Bell They beg leave to offer the following Resolution

[183] Resolved that the sum of Thirty five dollars be returned to Thomas Bell the said Petitioner out of the first monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated

Thomas Bolton
Wm A Davis
Josiah Hedden
Signed S Cowdrey

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips on the Petition of the owners of the Steam Boat Governer Wollcott for permission for the Boat to lie at Stevens's Wharf reported against the same as follows

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of the owners and patrons of the Steam Boat Governer Wollcott for permission for the exclusive priviledge of laying said Boat and placing their Wood on the Wharf west side of Peck Slip commonly called Stevens Wharf Are of Opinion the prayer of the petitioners cannot be granted and therefore respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted

John Webb
Asa Mann
Signed John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Assessments on the Petition of Jacob Schieffelin reported as follows

[184] The Committe to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob Schieffelin in relation to the widening and improving Bancker Street respectfully Report

That the Commissioners of estimate and Assessments in and by their report have awarded to be paid to Charles Schieffelin the sum of Seven hundred Twenty five dollars it appears from the Title and other satisfactory proofs that the above sum should have been awarded to be paid to Jacob Schieffelin instead of Charles

The Committe therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the above sum of Seven hundred and Twenty five dollars be paid to Jacob Schieffelin upon his executing to the Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York a bond of

indemnity saving them harmless from future liability by occasion of such payment being made to him together with a release of the premises

Respectfully submitted by

Josiah Hedden
Wm A Davis
S. Cowdrey
Signed D E Dunscomb

Whereup[on] the same was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the Petition of Wm B Astor for relief from a Personal Tax reported in his favor as follows

The Committe on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William B Astor praying to be relieved from an erroneous [assessment] [185] respectfully Report

That the said William B Astor has testified that the assessors of the third Ward have assessed him for the present year more than double the amount of his personal property liable to taxation And the assessors of the said Ward have certified that the said Assessment on his personal property should have been Eight Thousand dollars only Therefore

Resolved that the Collector of Taxes for the third Ward be directed to Collect of William B Astor the tax upon an Assessment of Eight Thousand dollars

Respectfully submitted by

Josiah Hedden
Wm A Davis
S Cowdrey
Signed D E Dunscomb

Which was confirmed and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Lands and Places presented the following on the subject of the North Battery

The Committe on Lands and Places who were requested to ascertain from the General Government wether the North Battery was any longer required for the Use of the United States

Respectfully Report

That about the first of March last a letter was written to the then Secratary of War and since the last meeting of this Board an answer has been received from Mr Barbour saying that the North Battery is

required by the United States for Public purposes [186] and will be continued to be so occupied

Samel St John
Gideon Ostrander
Wm Burtsell

August 29th 1825 Signed Effingham Schieffelin

Which was accepted and directed to be filed

The Street Committe to whom was referred a Presentment of the Grand Jury in relation to obstructions in certain streets presented the following

The Street Committe to whom was referred the presentments of the Grand Jury in and for the City and County of New York respecting certain incumbrances in the Streets and Roads of this City Report that they have duly considered the subject and are of the opinion that the several ordinances of this Board are sufficient (if duly executed) to prevent the evil complained of and therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved that [it] is inexpedient for this Board to pass any special Ordinances for the Correction of the Nuisances complained of

Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John

Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the petition for regulating and Paving Essex Street from Delancy to Rivington Streets reported in favor as follows

[187] The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition for paving Essex Street between Delancy and Rivington Street Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that Essex street be regulated and paved from Delancy to Rivington Street

Philip Hone
Samel St John
Gideon Ostrander

Signed Aasa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition for paving Wooster street from Bleecker to Fourth Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was refered the annexed petition to have Wooster Street regulated and paved from Bleecker Street to Fourth Street Report

that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that Wooster Street be regulated and paved from Bleecker Street to Fourth Street

Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition to pave Christopher Street from Hudson Street to [188] *to* Washington Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed resolution for regulating and paving Christopher Street from Hudson Street to Washington Street Report

That in their opinion the paving of that street is necessary inasmuch as that it is contiguous to a public Market and in its present state is extremely filthy from stagnant Water and the wash from an adjoining Distillery they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that Christopher Street be regulated and paved from Hudson Street to Washington Street

Charles Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Petition of Marinus Willet to have a Bulk Head built at Broome Street Slip reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition of Marinus Willet praying that a Bulk head may be made across Broome Street Slip on the easterly side of Tompkins Street and the Slip filled up Report that in their opinion the filling up of that slip has become necessary it having become useless as a public Slip from

[189] the shallowness of the water therein They accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that a Bulk head be built across Broome Street Slip on the Easterly side of Tompkins Street and the Slip be filled up from its present head to Tompkins Street

Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition that Hammersly Street be paved from Houston to Greenwich Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe on the petition for paving Hammersly Street from Houston Street to Greenwich Street Report

That in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Hammersly Street be paved from Houston to Greenwich Street

Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition and remonstrance for repaving Greenwich Street reported against the Petition as follows

[190] The Street Committe to whom was referred the petition for and the remonstrance against repaving of Greenwich Street from Reed to Beach Street Report

That in their opinion the condition of that Street does not require that it should be repaved at present and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to repave Greenwich Street from Reed to Beach Street at the Present

Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition for opening Twentieth Street from Third Avenue to Bloomingdale Road Reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Annexed Petition for Opening 20th Street from 3d Avenue to Bloomingdale road

Report that they have had the subject advertised and as no obections have been made thereto They recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that Twentieth Street be opened from the Third Avenue to the Bloomingdale Road and that the Council to this Board take the usual measures for having the same Carried into Effect

Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone
Samel St John
Signed Asa Mann

[191] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe to whom was refered the Petition for extending and widening Cliff Street reported as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred for reconsideration the plan for opening widening and Extending Cliff Street between Beekman Street and Frankfort Street Report

That they have caused public notice to be given of the proposed plan of Opening on a Straight line from Ferry Street to Frankfort Street as shewn on the Map herewith presented by red lines to which all the owners of the property (with one or two exceptions) are opposed for reasons set forth in their remonstrance And your Committe are unanimously of the opinion that the plan as formerly submitted by them and shewn on the aforesaid Map by black lines ought to be adopted as being the least expensive and most advantagious to the adjoining property—for the foregoing Considerations your Committe recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Cliff Street be widened and straightned on the Southerly side thereof between Beekman and Ferry Streets—and that it be extended by opening from Ferry Street to Frankfort Street as shewn on a Map made by Isaac T Ludlam City Surveyor dated 11th March 1822 and designated thereon by black lines

Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander
Signed Asa Mann

[192] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and Pump near the intersection

of Twenty fifth Street and the Third Avenue reported in favor as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commission to whom was referred the Petition [of] R Vanhouton and others for a Well & Pump near the intersection of 25th Street and the Third Avenue Report

That in their opinion their request ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Effingham Schieffelin
Wm A Davis
Signed R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same on the Petition for a Well and Pump near the intersection of Twenty seventh Street and Third Avenue Reported in favor as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of H B Smith and others for a Well and Pump near the intersection of 27th Street and the Third Avenue

Report

That in their opinion the request of the [193] petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted

Effingham Schieffelin
Wm A Davis
Signed R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the petition of Francis B Fitch one of the Lessees of Castle Garden to assign his interest in the same to Antonia Malapar reported as follows

The Finance Committe to whom the within Petition of Francis B Fitch praying for leave to assign his share and interest in the Lease of Castle Garden to Antonie Malapar was referred Report

That they have inquired into the merits of the said application and see no objection to granting the same They therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that leave be given to Francis B Fitch to assign his inter-

est in the said lease to Antonia Malapar provided that all back rents are paid up previous to such transfer Respectfully Submitted

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[194] The Finance Committe on the Petition of Ann McLean for prayer of Award respecting Opening Bancker Street reported in her favor as follows

The Finance Committe respectfully Report on the annexed Petition of Ann McLean the widow of the late John McLean That the Commissioners for widening Bancker Street awarded the sum of Three thousand Dollars to the widow and heirs of John McLean for a certain peice of Land taken for widening said Street (containing fifty three feet and four inches on the Southerly side of said street extending to the westerly side of Catherine Street sixteen feet and five Inches on Catherine Street and fifty four feet and ten inches adjoining other Land of John McLean and sixteen feet and four inches on the other end) being the allowance for said peice of Land over and above the benefit to the adjoining peice of Land owned by the same persons by reason of said improvement That it satisfactoryly appears to your Committe that the said two peices of Land at the time of said Report were owned and are now owned by the Petitioner in her own right and not by the widow and heirs of John McLean

The Will of the said John McLean recorded in the Surrogates office of this City on the 22d March 1821 And also a certified Copy of a Rule of the Court of Chancery made at Albany on the 10th April 1823 have been produced to your Committe by which latter paper it appears that the said two peices of Land were duly allotted by proceedings in Partition to John Mc [195] Lean the son of the deceased of the same name; and a regular conveyance in fee has also been produced from the said John McLean the younger to the Petitioner Ann McLean dated the 7th August 1823 and Recorded in the Registers Office in Lib 178 of Conveyances page 129 the 5th June 1824 From which it appears that the petitioner is intitled to receive the said award and your Committe think that under the 183d Section of the Act (2 R L 418) the amount thereof may with propriety be paid to her. Your Committe therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner pay the amount of the said Award to the said Ann McLean upon her giving her own bond of indemnity to the Corporation in the usual manner

Asa Mann
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Laws on the proposal of the Trustees of the Free School Society to change the Free School Society to a Public School Society to which Children of all classes are to be admitted on paying Fifty cents pr Quarter presented a Report which was read, laid on the Table for Consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the Members

The Counsel reported that Capt McManus of the Brig Frances Augusta had incurred a [196] penalty for not reporting passengers but had since complied with the directions of the Law and he recommended that the penalty be remitted which was approved and the penalty remitted accordingly.

The Counsel on the Communication of the Street Commissioner referred to him on the subject of prohibiting the landing articles at the foot of Clarkson Street over the Minetto Sewer presented an Ordinance agreeably thereto which was passed under the Title of a Law to prohibit the landing of heavy Articles at the foot of Clarkson Street

The following were appointed Firemen and the vacancies therein mentioned accepted the same having been certified by the Chief Engineer

Fire Engine Company No 28

James Davis on 17th July 1825
John Flandreau 12th August } 1825
Benjamin Farrington 12 August }

No 13.

Francis A Johnson Accountant Ann Street
Ve Alfred S Underhill Resigned

No 14

James Shields (Tinman) 47 Barclay Street
Ve William Manning Resigned
Charles Stewart Accountant 13 Park Place Ve Samuel Acker Do

No 17.

Mallick Mackevoy Shoemaker 21 Pell Street
William Owens Time expired

[197] No. 23

Jacob Smith (Turner) Elm Street
Vc Henry Fountain Time expired

No 39

James M Vose (Accountant) Rosevelt Street
Vc Edward B Young Resigned

No 40

Henry Scott (Shoemaker) No 100 Pump Street
Vc William Vonck Time Expired

Fire Wardens 7th Ward

Alexander Stewart Sash Maker Grand Stt
Vc Samuel Germond Resigned Time Expired

Edward Dayton Merchant Bancker Street
Vc Simeon Price Time Expired

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

For a Well and Pump in Leroy Street near Hudson Street

For Regulating and paving Arden Street from Herring Street to the Church line

For a Well and Pump in Hudson Street between Hammersly and Clarkson Street

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and the persons hereinafter named appointed Assessors

For Paving the Side Walks in Beach and Walker Streets from Chapel to Varrick Streets and James Peckwell Cary Dunn and John Brower were appointed Assessors

[198] For laying the Side Walks in Mangin Street from Grand to Broome Street and Benjamin Prince John Brower and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors

For Paving Wooster Street from Bleecker to Fourth Street and James Bleecker Cary Dunn and Isaac Kip were appointed assessors

For Paving Essex Street from Delancy to Rivington Street and James Bleecker John Targee and Abraham Baudoine were appointed Assessors

For Paving Hammersly Street from Huston to Greenwich Street and James Bleecker Cary Dunn and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors

For Paving Christopher Street from Hudson Street to Washington Street and Abraham Boudine John Brower and John Targee were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Twenty Seventh Street near the Third Avenue and Isaac Kip John Targee and Cary Dunn were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Twenty fifth Street near the Third Avenue and Isaac Kip Cary Dunn and John Targee were appointed Assessors

[199] The Street Commissioner presented a Communication stating that the Period for Building a Bulkhead and making South Street between Catherine and Market Streets agreeably to the Ordinance of 10th April 1825 expires on the 1st September next and that all the Proprietors except Robert McComb have complied and he requested the direction of the Common Council—Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correcting sundry nuisances—which were passed

No 1	P Brasher.	Owner.		Mulberry & Orange St	A Lot
2	A L Stewart	Do	182	Chapel Street	Do
3	J Carnes	Do	541	Broome Street	Do
4	Trinity Church	Do		Varrick Street	Do
5	E Meriam	Lessee	10	York Street	Do
6	John McComb	Owner		West Street	Do

George Cuming
City Inspector

Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant in favor of the Chairman of the La Fayette Committee for One Thousand Dollars

The following Resolution was presented and referred to the Finance Committee

Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to attend the Sale of the Property adjoining the Alms House now advertised for sale as Mortgaged by S Jones to the [200] Columbian Insurance Company, and that he bid for the same, such sum as he may deem expedient, not exceeding the amount of the money due on the Mortgage to said Company and the Costs

The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Davis

Resolved that a Committe be appointed to enquire into the facts

contained in a Statement published in the Newspapers of this City and signed Abraham Bancker And that said Committe enquire and Report wether the Watchmen on Duty were on the Alert, And also, what measures have been adopted by the Police Magistrates for the discovery or detection of the persons Charged with a high Offence against the Peace and security of the Citizens—Whereupon the same was referred to Alderman Davis Mr Bolton & Mr Cox

Alderman Reed presented the following Resolution

Whereas the existing Ordinances do not in terms provide for the measurement of American Coal which has been extensively introduced into this City since the passing of the Ordinance limiting the number of Measure[r]s therefore—Resolved that an Additional measurer shall be appointed who shall be denominated " Measurer of American Coal " with the right to demand the same fees as are now provided for Measureing Sea Coal and that Burdett Dixon be appointed to fill that office

[201] Which was adopted and Burdett Dixon was appointed accordingly

Alderman Cowdry agreeably to the notice given by him at the last meeting that he would move to reconsider the vote given at the last meeting upon the Report of the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the Petition of John K Townsend now moved that the Board proceed to Re Consider the said Vote The question being taken on agreeing to reconsider and a Division having been called by Alderman Cowdry the Members voted as follows

Negative Mr Recorder Alderman Webb Reed Davis Ostrander Mr Agnew Cox Dunscomb Schieffelin Rathbone 10

Affirmative Aldermen Cowdrey Mann Mr Bolton St John Hone Burtsell 6

So the Motion for reconsideration passed in the negative

The Comptroller made the following Report

Balances as pr Act 15 Inst		83.337.66
Recd for Rents		1.548.55
" Docks & Slips		1.512.50
" Tavern & Excise Licenses		1.409.
" Police Office		1.334.40
" Clerks & Criers fees Sessions		125.43
		89.267.54
[202]" Mayoralty fees	88.	
Loan of Mechanics Bank Authorised 15 August	10.600.00	
		10.688.00
		99.955.54

166 Accounts *Auidetted* [Audited] and ordered to be Paid

Conklin & Blauvelt	Watch 1 Dist.....	971.25
Hibbard & Clark	do 2 "	775.25
Bleakley & Stagg	do 3 "	750.75
Unknown Owners	Award widening Bancker Street from Pike to Oliver Street	3.075.
Widow & heirs of John MLean	do	3.000.
Ann Shamburg	do	1.390.
Heirs of William Boyd	do	1.200.
James Drake	do	1.180.
Benjamin Gifford	do	1.125.
Arunah Martin	do	1.000.
William Delamontanye	do	925.
John Dougherty	do	875.
Widow & Heirs of John Sullivan	do	750.
Francis Tombs	do	850.
Allen Shepherd	do	810.
John Dougherty	do	800.
Charles Schieffelin	do	725.
Garret Byrnes	do	780.
Archibald Scott	do	700.
Heirs of John Rice	do	695.
Lavinia Doughty	do	675.
Maurice Hertell	do	650.
Heirs of Capt White	do	650.
Samuel Dayton	do	650.
George Buckmaster	do	650.
Thomas Goodman	do	550.
[203] Executors of Esther Hook	do	550.
Samuel Norsworthy & Mrs Green	do	500.
Heirs of John McKay	do	400.
William Norman	do	350.
Margaret Hook	do	325.
Heirs of John McKay	do	300.
Arunah Martin	do	300.
Heirs of Dissosway & Totten	do	300.
Ralph Hall	do	275.
Oliver Johnston	do	220.
Christopher Landau	do	220.
Benjamin Gifford	do	190.
Catherine Newton	do	125.
Job Forman	do	110.
Joseph Watson	do	109.
Dennis McCarthy	do	100.
Matheew Banks	do	100.
Samuel Butler	do	100.
Heirs of Dissosway & Totten	do	100.
McCabe & Fegan	do	93.
Denis OHaraghty	do	93.

Michael M Titus Award widening	Bancker Street from Pike to Oliver Street	85.
Thomas Duff	do	80.
Roger Williams	do	50.
Mathew *Doland* [Dollard]	do	50.
John McGuire	do	50.
Heirs of William Boyd	do	25.
Heirs of William Boyd	do	25.
Elenor Reynolds	do	25.
Robert McGinty	do	10.
Daniel Phillips	do	5.
William Moore	do	5.
Catherine Gray	do	5.
[204] John Beekman Award widening	Pike Stt from Division to Cherry Street	2750.
Jordon Wright	do	1950.
John Tiebout	do	1600.
Aaron Swartz	do	1600.
William Smith	do	950.
Jameson Cox	do	950.
Robert Phillips	do	940.
Arunah Martin	do	925.
John Quin	do	875.
Patrick Heyden	do	850.
Leonard Fisher	do	800.
Jonah Randall	do	750.
Nicholas A Baldwin	do	700.
Thomas Hayes	do	685.
Estate of William *Cheeves* [Chevers]	do	625.
George A Van Pelt	do	320.
Isaac Pickford	do	200.
James Inglesby	do	180.
Esther Tompkins	do	120.
Jordon Wright	do	100.
Samuel L Mitchell	do	50.
Jonas Mapes	do	50.
Jonas Mapes	do	45.
William Jarvis	do	45.
Samuel L Mitchell	do	25.
Morris Oakly	do	10.
Ebenezer Clark Award opening	Houston Stt from Broadway to Bowery	6190.
David Marsh	do	4751.74
James Gillender	do	3460.27
Lodovick Harpell	do	2689.23
Denis *Kenann* [Keenan]	[do]	1673.28
[205] Estate of Benjamin Sands	do	1288.28
Mary Acckerman	do	1082.96
John P Schermerhorn	do	642.80

George Higday Award opening Houston Stt from Broadway to Bowery		560.
Daniel Charmichael	do	525.
Ebenezer Nickerson	do	492.85
Edmund Kirby	do	504.88
Unknown Owners	do	452.78
John J Astor	do	283.48
Unknown Owners	do	250.
Edward Patterson	do	250.
Unknown Owners	do	228.
Unknown Owners	do	214.22
John A Sidell	do	208.
Unknown Owners	do	10.
Leonard Kip Award opening 8th Street from Bowery to 6th Avenue		1200.
Frederick Shonnard	do	1100.
Michael Floy	do	1000.
William & Gerardus Post	do	950.
Elisha W King	do	725.
Estate of Brockholst Liv[i]ngston	do	612.
Heirs of John *Limber* [Semler]	do	300.
William & Gerardus Post	do	300.
Trustees of Sailors Snug Harbour	do	120.
Lynde Catlin	do	60.
Gideon Lee	do	50.
Heirs of John Rogers Award opening 6th Avenue from Greenwich Lane to 13th Street		3211.84
Eliza *Knapp* [Krapff]	do	2839.16
Estate of John Mills	do	1660.88
Isabella Smith	do	1195.32
[206] Judith Winthrop Award opening 1st Street from 1st Avenue to North Street		689.71
Cornelius Dubois	do	326.
Joseph Seely award Opening Public place at Harman Grand & Scammel Stretts		3000.
J Sloan Acct reg & Curbg Amity St from Broadway to 6th Avenue		330.
J Sloan Acct reg. Green Street from Bleecker to 4th Street.		300.
J Pinkerton Acct Cross walks 1st Ward		200.
T R Smith & Associates Commissioners fees & opening Mulberry Stt from Rosevelt Line to Bleecker Stt		182.
A Storms Acts buildg L to Peir at Charlton Street		250.
Geo: Jamieson Corpon ⅓ filling at Bulk head Grand Strt Slip		230.25
Jas Kent Counsel Fee on Intrest on Assessment Canal Street Sewer		50.00
Wm Slosson do do		50.00
J Hays for Officers Extra service Police 1 Qur 26 August		275.83
J. Hays conveying Persons to City Prison 1 Qur 1 Inst		147.50

J. Hays conveying Person to Penitentiary 1 Qur 26 Inst....	97.50	
G Snethen Lighs Lamps 1 Month 1 Septr.....	801.42	
R Provoost repairing do.....	79.01	
J Hays conveying Boys to House of Refuge from 1 Jan to 26 May	14.00	
J Howard 1 Qurs Rent Court 5 & 8 Wards 1 August.....	25.00	
J Morgan & Son repairing Mud Scow.....	143.42	
George J Trimble Treasur Free School society Return tax 8th Ward	58.22	
Mahlon Day Printing & binding 480 Reports on Interments	128.50	
[207] Office of American 6 Mo Subscription 26 August....	50.	
B Hicks Assist Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Septr.....	47.25	
J Pinckney do do do	47.25	
Geo: B Thorp Keeper City Prison & depts 1 Qur 1 August.	450.	
G Duryea Clerk Fulton Market 1 Mo 1 Sept.....	41.67	
R Smith do Franklin do do	38.75	
I Asten sweeper Fulton do do	38.59	
Geo: Cumming City Inspector 1 Qr 1 Septr.....	200.	
T. J. Waters Clerk Comptrollers Office 1 Qur 24 August..	200.	
C Myers Keeper Potters field to 1 Septr.....	161.75	
Asten & Higbee Messengers 1 Month 1 Septr	54.	
O Ayres Asst City Inspector " "	47.25	
J. Coffin do do " "	47.25	
C Gillman Keeper Battery " "	31.	
A McCready do Park " "	31.	
R Jacques Street Inspector 1st Ward " "	46.50	
P. Wright " " 2d " "	46.50	
T Jeroliman " " 3d " "	46.50	
N B Lyon " " 4th " "	46.50	
I. A Isaacs " " 5th " "	46.50	
Joseph M Thomas " " 6th 26th July 1 Septr	53.25	
B Fuller " " 7th 1 Month "	46.50	
S Hutchings " " 8th " "	46.50	
D Hubbard " " 10th " "	46.50	
J Gallagher 1s payt Well Pitt near Broome Street.....	67.50	
		99.931.09
Ballance Dolls.		24.45

[208] In Common Council September 12th 1825

Present Hon William Paulding, Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
[Elisha W] King	Thomas Bolton
Wm H Ireland	Samel St John
Samuel Cowdrey	Philip Hone
John Webb	John Agnew
Mathew Reed	Wm Burtsell
Asa Mann	Josiah Hedden
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
Wm A Davis	Danel E Dunscomb
Gideon Ostrander	Effingham Schieffelin
	Wm P Rathbone

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved

A Petition was presented for paving Christopher Street from Washington Street to Assylum Street which was referred to the Street Committe

A petition for a Well and Pump in Mercer Street south of Amity Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of William Depew for office of Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committe on Applications for Offices

[209] A Petition was received from Jacob Schieffelin praying relief from an Assessment laid on him for Opening Bancker Street stating that he is Lessee of the Lot on which the Assessment is laid which is held under a Title from Mary McCrea Decd that agreeably to proceedings of the Common Council on the Petitions of the Lessees of Lots which would be taken for opening Bancker Street the Owners were to pay for the expences of opening said Street and the Lessees were to be exonerated therefrom And that a Covenant to that effect as Petitioner understood was entered into by the owners previous to any orders for opening said Street and praying the subject may be referred for investigation and for his relief Whereupon it was referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition of Jacob Sharp Junior Lessee of Stall No 31 and of William McCready Lessee of Stall No 32 Catherine Market praying to be permitted to exchange Stalls with each other which was referred to the Market Committe who reported thereon immediately in favor of the Petition which was approved and it was resolved that a Licence be granted to John Sharp Junior for Stall No 32 and to William McCready for Stall No 31 Catherine Market

A Petition that the Well corner of Barclay and Chapple Streets may be deepened was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Francis M Spring to be appointed Register of Dogs was referred to the Police Commissioner

[210] A Petition of G. W. Livingston for himself and also as Executor of Maggy Beekman Decd praying Payment of the Award made to Mr Beekman for ground taken to open and extend Green Street and of award to himself in opening Wooster Street was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Israel C Langdon and John Miller was received stating that as owners of Ground on Wooster and Green Streets they had erroneously supposed themselves agrieved by the Assessment laid on their Property for opening said streets that they had heretofore remonstrated against the same but being satisfied that the person from whom they purchased did not intend that they should pay the Assessment they therefore now request that the amount of the award for ground taken for opening said Street may be paid to him which being read was referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition of Peter W Livingston surviving Executor of Joanna Beekman (Decd) for payment of an Award for ground taken to open and extend Green and Wooster Streets was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Mary Marx for an Award for ground taken to open and extend Wooster and Green Streets was referred to the Finance Committe

[211] A Petition of Catherine Cox for payment of an Award for ground taken to open Green and Wooster Street was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Alexander L Stewart for payment of an Award for ground taken to open and extend Green and Wooster Streets was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Lydia White executrix and Legatee of Charles White for payment of an Award for ground taken to open Bancker Street was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition from sundry owners and Inhabitants of North Street and its Vicinity praying that the side Walks of said Street from the Bowery to Orchard Street and of the First Avenue from North to First Street may be laid with flagging was read and referred to the Street Committe

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that Tompkins Street may be

made and a Slip extended in front of the same was read and referred to the Street Committe with Powers

A Petition of Richard Lanckenau for appointment to the office Measurer of Charcoal was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Petition from Augustus Van Cortlandt Henry White and James Morris for Water Grants [212] in front of their property on the North River in the First Ward to extend Two hundred and fifty feet in the River beyond West Street was referred to the Committe on Whaves Piers and Slips

A Petition was read from the Trustees of Harlaem Commons stating that by an Act of the Legislature they were appointed Trustees to sell and dispose of the Trust of Land known as the Harlaem Commons and that the proceeds of said sale after paying the demand for taxes Assessments &c should be appropriated for Harlaem Library and to certain Schools as in the Act is specefied that they have disposed of said Lands excepting some small portions but in consequence of the many demands against the said Property there will be Little left for the benevolent purposes designed by the Legislature they therefore pray that the Corporation will remit their Claims against the said lands for Taxes and Assessments the same having been read was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Gideon Tucker and William Westervelt Contractors for Building the Fever Hospital stating that there is a sum due them for extra work and praying that their account may be settled was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Henry W Minugh praying Compensation for a Horse which fell into Market Street Slip in consequence of the bad [213] state of the Public Dock at that place was read and referred to the Law Committe

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Canal Street complaining of the offensive smell at the mouth of Canal Street sewer and praying that the Mud Machine may be employed to cleanse the same was read and referred to the Committe on Whaves Peirs and Slips

A Petition of Jacob Wyckoff Richard D Covert and Henry Dikeman was read stating that they are Trustees of James Barr of the Village of Brooklyn an Absconding debtor that a certain Lease of Property in Brooklyn to one Thomas Place from the Corporation dated 4th September 1820 became by assignment the property of said James Barr, was attached by the Sherrif of Kings County and delivered over to Petitioners as the property of said Barr, and they request

permission to transfer said Lease to Harmanus H Barkaloo to whom they sold it at Public Auction was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition from James Barrow in behalf of Trinity Church praying a return of taxes paid through mistake for Lots not owned by the Church was referred to the Committe on Assessments

The Collector of Arrears of Taxes presented a Statement of Taxes remaining due and unpaid Whereupon it was resolved that he advertise the same agreeably to Law

[214] A request from the Society of Friends to be permitted to disinter the Remains of Bodies now in the Grave Yard in Liberty Street and to remove them to their present Cemetery was granted on Condition that the same is done between the first day of December and the first day of March next

A Petition of John Fay on behalf of the Children and Heirs of James O Fay deceased and as their Attorney to be paid the balance of their Fathers Personal Estate which had been paid by the Public Administrator into the City Treasury was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition that the side Walks in Prince Streets between Broad way and McDougal Streets may be paved was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of James Dobbin Executor of John McKay deceased praying that the sum awarded to the Heirs of John McKay for damages sustained in opening Bancker Street may be paid to him as Executor was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Stewart Elder for remission of Penalty incurred by not filling in a Lot was referred to the Police Committe

A Petition of James F Palmer to be relieved from an Assessment for Paving and Flagging at the junction of Grand & Division Streets was referred to the Committe on Assessments

[215] The Street Committe on the Petition of Ebenezer Clark to permit his house to stand until Houston Street is opened reported against the same as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Clark for permission to Let a portion of his House (about 2 feet) which was taken to open Houston Street remain on the street Report

That in their opinion the permission ought not to be granted not only for that it will obstruct the view along that side of the Street but forasmuch as that Mr Clark has been Compensated for all his damages

as well for Buildings as for Grounds taken to open that Street—your Committe therefore recomme[n]d the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition of John R Livingston for repaving part of Duane Street reported against the same as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Petition of John R Livingston for repaving Duane Street from Hudson Street to the Westerly end of the Duane Park Report their opinion by the following Resolution

[216] Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner relating to paving parts of Pearl & Frankfort Streets reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the subject of repaving parts of Pearl and Frankfort Streets

Report that on a careful inspection they are of opinion that so much of Pearl Street as lies between Frankfort Street and Oak Street ought to be repaved and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that so much of Pearl Street as lies between Frankfort Street and Oak Street be repaved

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committe to whom was referred the subject of opening Christopher Street from Washington Street to West Street reported [217] in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the subject of Opening Christopher Street from Washington Street to West Street

Report that in their opinion such opening has become necessary in consequence of increasing improvements in that part of the City and as the grounds to be taken are principally vacant the expence will at present be of small amount your Committe are therefore induced to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Christopher Street be opened and extended from Washington Street to West Street and that the Cou[n]cil to this Board take the usual measures for having the same carried into effect

Jacob Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samuel St John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe to whom was referred the resolution respecting widening the side Walks and repaving the Carriage Way of Broad way from the Battery to Canal Street Reported against the same as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed resolution for repaving the Carriage way and widening the side Walks of Broad way from the Battery to Canal Street

Report that the Carriage way of that Street is much broken and requires repaving—[218] but owing to the lateness of the season and the difficulty of procureing workmen it is the opinion of your Committe that it will be impractible to have the work done in a suitable manner the present year they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the repaving of Broadway be postponed for the present

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Report of the Counsel on Mulberry Street and Sloat Lane Reported

The Street Committe to whom was referred the report of the Counsel respecting the Opening of Mulberry Street and the Widening of Sloat Lane—Report their opinion by the following Resolutions

Resolved the opening of Mulberry Street to Bleecker Street be postponed to the first day of October next

Resolved that the widening of Sloat Lane be postponed to the first day of April next and that the buildings thereon be removed by the first day of May then next thereafter

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samuel S[t] John
Signed Philip Hone
Asa Mann

[219] Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Street Committe on the Remonstrance of George Lorillard and others against the regulation for paving Chatham Street Reported against the same as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the anexed petition of George Lorillard and others against the regulating and paving of Chatham Street—Report that they see no cause of Complaint against the regulating and paving of that Street—and that inasmuch as the paving of the Street is already done and completed, your Committe think it inexpedient for this Board to take any order on the Subject and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient for this Board to take any further order on the regulating and Paving Chatham Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Sam[el] S[t] John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition for paving the side walks in Allen Street from Stanton Street to North Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred *to* [the] annexed Petition of Sundry Persons praying that the side Walks in Allen Street may be paved from Stanton Street to North Street

[220] Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samuel S[t] John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner on the subject of improving Rosevelt Street and of a Remonstrance against the proposed plan for regulating Rosevelt Street presented a Report which was laid for Consideration

The Ferry Committe on the Petition of Joseph G Swift and Daniel S Griswold for permission to assign the Lease of Walnut Street Ferry to James B Clark reported in favor of the same as follows

The Ferry Committe to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph G Swift and Daniel S Griswold praying the assent of this corporation to an Assignment of the Lease of *of* Walnut Street ferry to James B Clark respectfully report that there being no rent due on the same they Recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Prayer of the [221] petitioners be granted

W[m] P Rathbone
E W King
Septem[r] 12. 1825 Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Ferry Committe on the Petition of Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catherine Slip Ferry reported as follows

The Ferry Committe to whom was referred the Petition of Rodman Bowne one of the Lessees of Catherine Street Ferry Report

That by the terms of the lease of that Ferry this Corporation are obligated to make and keep in good repair the necessary chains to the floats or ways in that Slip The Lessees propose placing on that ferry a good Steam Boat to be approved of by this board in which event it will be necessary to remove the floats and drive Piles in Lieu thereof— your Committe approve of the plan and recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the necessary piles to be drove in Catherine Slip for the accommodation of a Steam ferry boat, on the Lessees releasing all future claims on account of Chains

Resolved that the Lessees of Catherine Street Ferry be required to remove the buildings now used as Ferry houses in South Street to such places as may be directed by the Street Commissioner

Wm P Rathbone
E W King Asa Mann

Sept 12th 1825.

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

[222 blank.]

[223] The Committe on Public Offices on the Petition of John Astin and David Higbee Messengers of the Corporation for an increase of pay reported in favor as follows

The Committe on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of David Higbie and John Astin praying an increase of their compensation as Messengers of the Common Council

Report that in consequence of the increased duties of the Petitioners which requires their personal attention on the Sabbath as well as every other days Your Committe are of opinion that the daily compensation now allowed should include Sundays also For which purpose your Committe recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved That Messengers of the Common Council shall each be entitled to receive the same Compensation for Sundays as they now receive for other days of the week and that this allowance be computed from the first day of January Last

E W King
Jacob B Taylor
S Cowdrey
Samel St John

New York Septr 10th 1825 Signed Jameson Cox

The Committee on Public Offices on the petition of the Printers of the Daily Newspapers reported as follows

The Committe on Public Offices to whom was referred a Communication from the proprietors of the several daily newspapers requesting [224] additional compensation

Report That they have had a conference with the proprietors of the said Papers and have come to an arrangement with them on the subject of printing the ordinances and Official notices of the Common Council the principles of which are contained in the two subjoined resolutions and which your Committe recommend for adoption

First Resolved that the sum of One hundred dollars be allowed

and paid to the proprietor or proprietors of each of the Daily Newspapers now printed in this City who shall publish the Ordinances and Official notices of this Board together with all other documents which shall from time to time be ordered by the Common Council to be published in the manner heretofore practised

Second Resolved That in addition to the said compensation the proprietors of the said Papers shall also be allowed the usual and customary price for publishing all such notices as are required by Law to be published, and which can be legally charged and Collected against any real estate or persons affected thereby

E W King
Jacob B Taylor
Samel St John
New York Septer 10th 1825 Signed Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition for the removal from Office of John Smith Measurer of Charcoal reported in favor as follows

[225] The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Venders and Dealers in Charcoal. Setting forth that John P. Smith one of the Measurers of that article does at times absent himself from business after collecting their money and making no payment to them—And praying that the said Smith may be removed from Office

Respectfully Report

that in as much as an appointment under this Common Council is calculated to give a credit together with the confidence of the People to the person holding the same, by which they are intrusted with the property of individuals coming to, or living in this City, And that Integrity being the only security, that any person violating the same ought to be removed—And your Committe being under the Belief that the said Smith ought to be no longer continued beg leave respectfully to submit the following Resolution

Resolved that John P Smith be and he is hereby removed from the Office of Measurer of Charcoal

Mth Reed
Jameson Cox
Signed Effingham Schieffelin

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Applications for Office on the several Petitions for the Office of Measurer of Charcoal Reported as follows.

The Committe on Applications for [226] Office to whom was referred the several annexed petitions for the appointment of Measurer of Charcoal Respectfully report

That there is but one Vacancy a list of the Candidates subjoined all of which your Committee think qualified for that office—And recommend to the Board to make the selection from the following List William Hognecamp Thomas Wiggins John Culver & Edward E Livingston

and submit the following Resolution

Resolved that this Board now Ballot for the appointment

M^th^ Reed
Effingham Shieffelin

Which was approved and the Board went into a Ballot when Thomas Wiggins was Chosen and it was Resolved that Thomas Wiggins be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Charcoal

The Market Committe on the Petition of Gilbert Griffin for Stall No 40 in Catherine Market reported in favor as follows

The Market Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition of Gilbert Griffen for a Butchers licence for Stand No 40 Catharine Market and the relinquishment of the said stand by Thomas Marshall Jun^r^ beg leave respectfully to Report

That from the representation of several respectable persons known to your Committe they are satisfied that your Petitioner is a [227] suitable person to receive a Butchers Licence and therefore beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that a Butchers licence be granted to Gilbert Griffen for Stand No 40 Catherine Market

Philip Hone
W^m^ H Ireland
Tho^s^ Bolton
M^th^ Reed
D E Dunscomb

New York Sept^r^ 12^th^ 1825
Signed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Counsel presented the following on the subject of a Cession of Ludlow Essex Norfolk and Arundle Streets from Delancy Street to North Street by Petrus J Ten Brook and others to the Corporation

The Counsel respectfully reports that he did not proceed with the intended application to the Supreme Court respecting the opening of certain parts of Ludlow Essex Norfolk Suffolk and Arundel Streets

because the owners of the property to be taken offered to Cede the same to the Corporation; and under the advice of the Street Commissioner, and of the Street Committe it was deemed proper to delay proceedings in order to enable the owners of the property in Question to cede the same The Deed of Cession has since been Executed and is herewith submitted—It is executed by all the parties interested excepting John W Charles and Elizabeth his wife and Benjamin R Winthrop, who, upon the death of Mrs Judith Winthrop will be entitled to two twenty fourth [228] parts of the property Ceded, but who are absent and will not be able to execute the Deed in some months—As they however have no right of possession until after Mrs Judith Winthrops decease, and will be enabled probably long before that occurrence to release their right; and as their right also applies to so small a proportion of the whole premises, it is for the Board to say wether they will or not accept the proposed cession

Col Fish and Dr Winthrop offer if required, to covenant that the absent persons above named will release their right upon their arrival here or if the board think it most proper the Deed of Cession now offered may be accepted and in case the persons absent shall decline releasing their Interest before or after Mrs Judith Winth[r]ops decease, The Board may then institute the necessary and usual proceedings to extinguish their interest. The Counsel considers that the Deed may with propriety be accepted on either ground and the proposed proceedings under the Statute be abandoned, as no application has been made to the Court Respectfully submitted

September 12th 1825 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the said cession was accepted a Covenant to be given by Col Fish and Doctor Winthrop as stated in the report of the Counsel

The Counsel presented the following in relation to Messrs Murray & also of Capt Benjamin Hall of Schooner Dollar

The Counsel respectfully reports that a suit was commenced against John B. Murray, James B Murry Robert McClintock [229] and John N Hawthorn for not bonding for the passengers in the Ship Germ That Mr Murray has since executed the bonds to the satisfaction of his Honor the Mayor and paid the expences The remission of the penalty is therefore respectfully recommended

September 1st 1825 M Ulshoeffer

The Counsel makes the like Report in the case of Capt Benjamin Hall of the Schooner Dollar Septr 2d

Whereupon the penalties were remitted

He also Reported that Spafford & Tileston against whom a suit was commenced for building a vault without permission but they having complied with the directions of the Law he recommended the remission of the Penalty Which was approved and the Penalty remitted

The Chief Engineer presented a Return of Appointments and resignations in the Following Fire Engine Companies which was approved the appointments made and the Resignations Accepted

Fire Engine Company

N° 2

David W. Rymer (Grocer) Elizabeth & Pump
V^c Henry H Gillet Appointed Warden

N° 8

James E Meek Accountant Laurence Street
V^c George W Stimers Resigned
Thomas Dawson Accountant 47 Chatham
V^c John R Odell Do

[230] N° 9

John F Ferry (Confectioner) 84 Broadway
V^c David Stillwaggon Time Expired
Walter J Heyer Cabinet maker 92 Broad Street
V^c John Willson do

No 16

Adam Degrush (Cooper) 17 Rynders S^t
V^c Alfred L Winans Joined Engine No. 29
Neale H Doyle (Porter) 67 William S^t
V^c John Waite Left the City

N° 24

Andrew E Brownell Cabinet Maker, Burling Slip
V^c Andrew M Arcularius Time Expired

N° 26

John Griffiths Brass founder 11 Pike Street
V^c Edward Price Time Expired
George M°Nab Grocer Lombardy & Scammel
V^c Drake Weed do
James Badgley, House Carpenter 20 Allen Street
V^c Eli Benedict

No 28

William Day—Book Binder Green & Prince
V^c William Jones Resigned
John Day do do V^c Enoch Jones Deceased
William Smith Cooper Laurens & Grand V^c James Davis Resigned
Edward Watkeys Tallow Chandler Princ & M^cDougal
V^c James Hunt Do

No 31

Henry Tucker Mason No 12 White Street
V^c George Cooper Time expired

No 33

Nehemiah Knapp Ship Carpenter North & Lewis S^t
V^c Joab Miller Resigned
Quinby Kip Grocer Cherry & Walnut S^ts V^c John Newman do
Eldad P Newcomb Carpenter Sheriff near Rivington S^t
V^c Samuel Banta Time Expired

N^o 34

William Lake Carpenter Perry S^t V^c Hiram Worden Resigned

[231] No. 36

William Bracelet House Carpenter 24 Grand Street
V^c William M Lean Time Expired
Joseph Morran House Carpenter 16 Grand Street
V^c George F Lawrence Resigned

N^o 37

William A Baxter Carpenter 112 Orchard
V^c Thomas Baisley Time Expired
Wilder W Peirce Carpenter 203 Mott S^t V^c Jacob Stimerson do
John Snyder Carpenter Bowery n Vauxhall
V^c John Montanye Resigned

Fire Hose Company

N^o 1

Cornelius M Ederson Carpenter 93 Elm Street
V^c Stephen Decamp Time Expired
Samuel B Combs Shoe maker 200 William St^rt
V^c Peter M^cCartee Jun^r Resigned
George A Hegeman Clerk 150 Pearl Street
V^c Isaiah May do

Fire Hook & Ladder Company
No. 2

Jacob Wardell Grocer William & Frankfort
V^c John C Hegeman Deceased

John J Deforest Grocer 70 John St^rt
V^c John Brown time Expired

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

N° 1.	[232] J R Murry	owner	Canal Street	A Lot
2	H Managhan	Occup^t	Houston St^r	Do
3	E S Davis	Lessee	Varrick St^r	Do
4	J Graham	Owner	Canal St^r	Do
5	W^m E Corey	Do	Varick St^r	Do
6	Ja^s Tuttle	Do	Do	Do
7	A T Hunter	Agent	Hudson St^r	Do
8	J R Livingston	Owner	Mott S^t	Do
9	Do,	Do	Mulberry S^t	Do

George Cuming
12 September 1825. City Inspector

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of delinquents on an assessment for opening and extending Green and Wooster Streets and for a Well and Pump in Morton Street

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis to Collect the same

The Street Commissioner also presented a final Return from Noah Jarvis of Delinquents on Sundry Assessments Whereupon the Street Commissioner was directed to proceed and advertise the same agreeably to Law

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed

For Repaving Pearl Street from Frankfort to Oak Street James Bleecker Isaac Kip and Cary Dunn were appointed Assessors

Also for Paving the side Walks in Allen Street from Stanton Street to North Street and Benjamin Prince Abraham Dally and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors

[233] M^r Schieffelin presented the following

Resolved that John Willson have permission to dig a Well and place a Pump therein in the 2^d Avenue near 26^th Street Provided the same be done at his own expence and under the direction of the Street Commissioner which was agreed to

Alderman Reed presented the following

Resolved that the Road Committe be directed to repair the 3d Avenue from the Bowery to Harlaem which was referred to the Road Committe

Alderman Reed also presented a Resolution for Organising a Watch at the City Burial Ground Which was referred to the Committe on Lands and Places

Alderman Webb presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Street Commissioner direct the Several Street Inspectors to have all fire wood and other incumbrances (in their Districts) removed from the Public Whaves Peirs and Bulk Heads forth with agreeably to the present Laws

Alderman Webb presented the following, which was adopted

Resolved that the Mud Machine be employed forthwith under the direction of the Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips to Clean out the Public Slips Provided the Health Commissioners do not object thereto

[234] The Recorder presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Clerk of this board obtain Copies of Tanners Map of South America for the Members of this Board and for the Clerk—And a Copy, to be placed in the Mayors Office

The Recorder presented a Resolution directing the High Constable to attend the Regular Meetings of the Common Council and that it be referred to a Committe to report a suitable Compensation therefor Which was referred to the Committe on Public Offices

Mr Hedden presented a Resolution directing the Street Commissioner whenever he presented an Assessment for Confirmation that he Report the Compensation charges and fees to be received by the Commissioner or Assessors Surveyors Collectors and Attorney or Counsel employed therein—Which was referred to the Committe on Assessments

Mr Hedden presented a Resolution requesting the Street Committe to report proceedings in relation to the Broad Street Sewer as to when it was commenced, why it has been so long delayed and why it was not commenced at a more Salutary season of the Year Which was referred to the Street Committe

[235] Mr Cox presented a Resolution referring it to a Committe to enquire and report on the expediency of an additional Clerk in the Street Commissioners Office which was refered to the Committe on Public Offices

Alderman King presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to report to this Board the amount of money which has been expended in working the Eighth Avenue

The present Condition of that Avenue and the amount required to complete the said Avenue or to render it passable for Carriages

A Communication was received from William Bayard Cadwallader D Colden and John Pintard stating that at a Meeting of Merchants and Citizens in the Chamber of Commerce at the Tontine Coffe House it was Resolved as the Opinion of the Meeting that it would be proper to celebrate the completion of the *Eire* [Erie] Canal by whi[c]h the Waters of the Great Westeren Lakes would be united with those of the Ocean and benefits of immense importance secured to this State and especially to the City of New York It was also Resolved that a Committe of fifteen be appointed to take measures in Relation thereto which Committe was appointed That at a Meeting of the Committe on the 9th of September the Memorialists were appointed to Lay before the Common Council a Copy of the proceedings of the Citizens and to request the Common Council would appoint a [236] Committe to confer with the Committe of citizens on said subject

The same having been read Alderman Cowdrey presented the following Resolution

Resolved that the application from a Committe of Citizens appointed to request the Concurrence of this Board in measures for a Public Celebration of the Completion of the great Western Canal whereby a junction of our inland seas with the Ocean will be effected and the present and future benefit of different and remote Sections of our Country will be promoted, be referred to a Select Committe

Whereupon the subject was referred to the following Committe Mr Recorder Alderman. Mann Davis Mr Bolton Agnew

Alderman King presenting the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Committe on Repairs be authorised to purchase of John P Roome the Portrait of Charles Thompson Secratary to the first Congress at a Price not exceeding Seventy five Dollars and that the same be fitted up and placed in the Gallery of Portraits

Alderman Mann Chairman of the Finance Committe stating that he had some confidential matter to submit the [237] Lobby was cleared and the doors Closed*

* No entry made, although space was left blank for it.—ED.

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as pr Actt 29th August	24.45
Recd for Streets	7.022.45
Rents	1.011.41
Tax of 1824 9th Ward	1.000.00
Justices Courts	799.26
Fines &c of Attorney	780.84
Ferries	375.00
Mayoralty fees	122.00
City Prison fees	114.75
Dist Attorneys fees	43.75
Alms House	26.77
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 15 August	6.000.00
	17.320.68

28 Accounts Auditted and ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauve[l]t Watch 1st Dist	971.25
Hibbard & Clark do 2d	775.25
Bleakley & Stagg do 3d	750.75
[238] Richd Riker Chairman La Fayette Committe	1000.00
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo 1st Inst	75.42
J Breman[ner] do Catherine do do	62.00
J Gilbert do 3 Markets do do	50.00
P Ammerman do 3 do do do	49.50
G N Bleecker Completeing Tax books of 1825	300.00
Gilliland & Co 113 Gas Lamps	193.99
Thos Bell remission of fine orderd 29th August	35.00
J McQuin balance regulating Streets at Greenwich	326.29
R Pettigrews Actt paving side walks Washington Stt from Beaver lane to Marketfield St	300.00
P Stagg & Associates Commissioners fees &c widening Sloat Lane at Pearl Street	237.82
P Stagg & Associates Assessing Canal Street Sewer 2d Assessment	1568.82
S Fargay repairing Intersection 4th & 7th Wards	446.14
A Dally & Associates fees & Expences Assessg a New Street between Scammel & Walnut Stts	361.
R Ayres carting 42 Loads from Markets & Slips	6.88
Geo: Lovett Actt building Bulk head at Rivington & Stanton Slip	1640.63
Geo: Lovett extending Peir at Catherine Slip	912.50
Geo: Jameison bal filling Bulk Head at Grand Street Slip	793.95
J Gallagher 1st payment Well Cornelia near Herring Street	36.75
G Charlton 1st Payment Well King near Varrick Street	32.87
[239] Patrick Rielly 1st payment Well Water near Corlears Street	32.06
J Gallagher 1st payment Well Warren near Greenwich St	29.25
John Williams Actt filling at Potters field	2000.00

Jacob P Roome Superᵗ Repairs for Fire Department.....	300.00	
Arthur Burtis Superintendent Alms House.....	4000.00	
		17.288.12
Balance	Dollars	32.56

[240] In Common Council September 26th 1825

Present The Hon: William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Elisha W King	Thomas Bolton
Wm H Ireland	Samel St John
Samel Cowdrey	Philip Hone
John Webb	John Agnew
Mathew Reed	Wm Burtsell
Asa Mann	Josiah Hedden
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
Wm A Davis	Danel E Dunscomb
Gideon Ostrander	Wm P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of the Street Inspectors of the several Wards praying that the additional Compensation allowed to them by a late Resolution of the Board untill the first day of October next may be continued to them as the whole of their time is employed and they must therefore depend upon that compensation for the support of their families was read and referred to the Committe on Public Offices

[241] A Petition of James Bogert to be relieved from a Tax assessed on him as a Resident of the 3d Ward when in fact he was then and has since been a Resident of Westchester County was read and referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition of the Executors of John Scudder decd for permission to open the ground from Broadway to the Museum for the purpose of lighting the Building with Gas was read and granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition from Peter Schermerhorn Junr Hezekiah B Pierpoint and others for permission to establish a Ferry from the Old Slip in the City of New York to the foot of Joralimon Street in the Township of Brooklyn Long Island was read and referred to the Ferry Committe

A Petition that a Watch may be established in the vicinity of the Sixth Avenue and Sixth Street was referred to the Watch Committe

A Petition that Lamps may be established in the Vicinity of the Sixth Avenue and Sixth Street was refered to the Lamp Committe

A Petition of Thomas R Smith and others was received stating that a Part of Collect Street where it crosses White Street is in a sunken Condition and is a nuisance to the neighbourhood and praying the evil may be remedied was referred to the Street Committe

[242] A Petition of John Ferguson for office of Inspector of Fire Wood or Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committe on Applicatins for Office

A Petition of Francis Price and others was received stating they are owners of a Tract of Land in the 12th Ward at Harlaem formerly owned by Peter Benson a part of which they have laid out into building lots that there is an old Road which formerly led from Harlaem to Harlaem heights but which is not now used they therefore pray that said Road may be closed from the Lane leading from James Rosevelts to the Intersection of said Road with the 5th Avenue and that in Consideration thereof they will cede for Public Roads all the Avenues and Streets lying in said Tract which having been read was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Frederick Sheldon for permission to erect a Railing on the side of his House corner of Warren & Church Streets was refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the 3d Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Martin Morse for Office of Inspector of Lumber was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Petition of William Sloan for Office of Inspector of Fire wood in place of John Johnson Decd was referred to the Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips

[243] A Petition for a Well and Pump in Minetto Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition from a number of owners of Lots in Cornelia Street praying said Street may be paved was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of John L Norton was received that he is owner in fee of an Estate in the now 12th Ward known as the Hermitage that he has divided the same into Building Lots bounded on 39th 40th 41st 42d 43d 44th 45th 46th & 47th Streets and by the 7th 8th 9th 10th & 11th Avenues that he means to dispose of said Lots bounded as aforesaid The title to which said Streets will remain in Petitioner that he is willing to Cede the same to the Corporation to remain as Public Avenues and Streets excepting 47th Street only to 11th Avenue and he therefore prays the Corporation to accept of said Cession Where-

up[on] the same having been read was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Marinus Willet and others Inhabitants of the Easterly part of the City complaining that the present established ferry at Williamsburgh does not afford sufficient accomodation to the Inhabitants and praying permission to Establish an additional Ferry from the Easteren part of the City to Long Island was read and referred to the Ferry Committe

[244] Two Petitions of Samuel Johnson and others was received stating that the Ferry at Williamsburgh does not afford sufficient accomodation to the Inhabitants of Long Island and that the Rates the Proprietors of said Ferry Charge are excessive and praying to be permitted to establish a Ferry from Bushwick on Long Island to the City between M^{r} Eckfords Ship yards and Corlaers Hook engaging to employ thereon good and Sufficient Steam Boats and at Low rates the same having been read were referred to the Ferry Committe

A Petition from Jeremiah Buskirk for releif from fine incurred by driving a hack without licence was referred to the Police Committe

A Petition of Tho^{s} R Smith Lessee of Public Docks and Slips of 2^{d} District was received stating that the Condition of said Lease was that twenty feet of the North Basin of the Slip should be reserved for Public Markets in addition thereto fifteen feet have been taken to drive Piles and extending a strong Peir across the whole Slip to his great injury that he expected to be able to have leased to the owners of Steam Boats a privilige to lie at Albany Basin but which has been refused to him by the Board that the Peirs notwithstanding the orders of the Board to the Contrary are constantly incumbered with Plaister of Paris so as to render them useless to him Under these circumstances he requests to be permitted to surrender his Lease of the Public Wharves of said District which having been read was referred to the Finance Committe

[245] A Petition of Duncan P Campbell suggesting that it would conduce to the interest of the Corporation and of Petitioner to extend a Bulk head from the end of the Corporation wharf at the Penitentiary to connect with a Bulk head now building by petitioner at the intersection of Tompkins Street and Twenty third Street to be continued by them to Stuyvesant Street and from thence to the upland forming a Basin of Forty Acres to be immediately filled up The same was referred to the Committe on the Fever Hospital

A Petition of John Lamb was received stating that he had con-

cieved himself agreived by an Assessment for opening and extending Green Street and with others remonstrated against the same that he now finds that the person from whom he purchased considers himself liable therefor Petitioner therefore requests the Amount of the award for damages may be paid to said former owner of the Lot which having been read was referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition of George C Scroppel remonstrating against the opening of Thirty second Street between the Tenth Avenue and Hudson River for reasons therein Stated was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward

A Communication was received from the Commissioner of the Alms House stating that the Act of the Legislature passed at the Fall session of 1824 repealing the Authority to Transport Paupers to the place of their last residence is attended with the most injurious consequences to this City and is in [246] fact burdening it with the maintainance of a great proportion of the Poor of this State They therefore recommend that an application be made to the Legislature for the Repeal of said Law or that a further fund be provided for the support of the poor not properly chargeable to the City The expence of which they estimate at Thirty thousand dollars annually The same having been read was referred to the Committe on Applications to the Legislature

A Further remonstrance from W^{m} Stillwell and others against the proposed mode of Regulating Rosevelt Street by carrying the Water over the surface of the Street and also a Petition in favor of that improvement accompanied with Certificates from persons residing at the mouth of Rosevelt Street Sewer stating its extreme offensiveness were read and referred to the Street Committe The report of the Street Committee on the report of the Street Commissioner on that subject presented last meeting and laid for consideration was now called up and referred to the same Committe

A Petition from Several Captains of Vessels and Dealers in Lumber stating that great delay is experienced in the Inspection and Measurement of Lumber and praying that an additional Inspector may be appointed was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

[247] Two Remonstrances from a number of owners of property an Catherine Lane remonstrating against the shutting up of said Lane were referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of George Sibell for Office of Measurer of Charcoal was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

The Petition of Augustus Van Cortland and others presented last meeting and referred to the Committe on Whaves Peirs & Slips was called up The Committe on Whaves Peirs & Slips were discharged from the consideration thereof and it was referred to the Finance Committe

The Petition of Gideon Tucker and William Westervelt presented at last meeting and referred to the Finance Committe *wall* [was] called up the Finance Committe discharged therefrom and it was referred to the Committe on the Fever Hospital

A Proposal of Michael Dennison to supply the trees that may be wanted on the Battery and to insure them for two years was referred to the Committe on Lands and Places

A Petition of William Riker for Office of Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips

A Petition of Mary Dunscomb and Daniel E Dunscomb Administrators of Edward Dunscomb Dec^{d} for permission to Assign Leases of [248] Lots number One hundred ninety seven and one hundred ninety eight Common Lands to Miln Parker was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of owners of Lots between Duane and Jay streets and on West Street praying Duane Slip may be filled in and a Bulkhead compleated along the line of West Street was read and referred to the Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants complaining of the practice of depositing shavings filth &c: on the vacant ground between Wooster and Lawrence Streets near Canal Street was referred to the Wat*h*ch-Committe

A Petition of Samuel Lyon praying further extension of his lease of Number Five hundred eleven Pearl Street was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition that a part of Beaver Street be regulated so as to prevent the water from Broad Street from incommoding the inhabitants of Beaver Street was read and laid on the Table

A Communication was received from the Chamberlain stating that the Comptroller of the State in his recent apportionment of the Taxes upon Incorporated Companies for One thousand eight hundred and Twenty four has not allotted to this County any part of the Taxes paid [249] by certain Companies in this City owing to said companies not making report to the Comptroller of the residence of their Stockholders by this means a large portion of Taxable property in this City will be locked up in the State Treasury He also stated that on the subject of

the demand of the State against this Corporation for Interest due on certain Taxes unpaid and which was referred to the decision of the Judges of the Supreme Court He is informed by the Comptroller that the Judges have decided that "the Interest on a Balance against a County is a fair Charge" Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committe

A Resignation was recieved from Charles Drake as Visiting Physician to the Bellvieu Establishment which was accepted And it was referred to the Committe on the Fever Hospital to supply the Vacancy

A Bill from Peter A Jay for Counsel fees in suits for Burials against John J Barr and several others for one hundred dollars was presented and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant for the same

The Finance Committe on the Petition of James Dobbin Executor of John McKay deceased reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed petition of James Dobbin that the petitioner applies to have an award to the Heirs of John McKay paid to the Executors of the Will of said McKay Your Committe think [250] that the Street Commissioner ought to pay this money into Court according to the provisions of the Act in that case made and provided As the petitioner states that the heirs are minors and incapable of receiveing the same If the award was not properly made the petitioner might have objected to the Report of the Commissioners in the Case of Bancker Street but not having so done he has concluded himself and this Board are also concluded Your committe therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Asa Mann
S Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the several petitions of A L Stewart Catherine Cox Peter W Livingston Mary Marx & G W Livingston executors of the Estate of Maggy Beekman for payment of awards on opening of Grand and Wooster Streets presented the following report

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed peti-

tions of A L Stewart Catherine Cox P. W Livingston Mary Marx and the Executor of the Estate of Johanna Beekman and Maggy Beekman, That on the opening of Green and Wooster Streets, the Commissioners awarded certain sums of money for the extin- [251] guishment of their interest in certain peices of Land taken therefor— Your committe know of no order or direction of the board suspending any payment of awards in those cases nor do they know of any legal right on the part of this board to refuse such payments If there be any controversy between the petitioners and others respecting these awards they ought to be left to settle the same between themselves This Corporation are bound to pay the awards as made by the Commissioners and confirmed by the Supreme Court

Your Committe therefore offer for the consideration of the board the following resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be requested to pay the awards in the above cases according to Law

Asa Mann
S Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the Communication of the Comptroller of the Account of Oliver Morse for Refreshments furnished to a Jury on Criminal Trials reported against allowing said Account as follows

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed Communication of the Comptroller respecting certain accounts against the Sherriff for refreshments furnished the Petit Jurors at the Late Court of Oyer and Terminer—That your Committe think that the account of Oliver Morse amounting [252] to $275 $^{20}/_{100}$ is entirely inadmissible and that the refreshments therein Charged for, and in kind and quantity, such as ought not to have been furnished to a Jury on the Trial of any criminal case—As the Sheriff has not certified this account as to its Items your Committe do not even know wether the articles were furnished or not In such cases if the Sheriff will assume the Authority to provide refreshments the quantity and kind ought certainly to be prescribed by him and within his knowledge Your Committe consider that to allow this account would not comport with a due respect for the administration of Criminal Justice and they

refer to the said account to Shew that the items contained in it and the amount of the Charges ought not to be sanctioned by the Board

Your Committe therefore offer for the consideration of the board the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient for this Board to make any provision as to said account of Mr Morse against the Sheriff of New York

Asa Mann
S Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Signed Wm Burtsell

The Finance Committe on the Petition of Thomas Stagg Junr for payment to him of an award for opening Bancker Street awarded to Christopher Landan reported against Petitioner as follows

[253] The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed petition of Thomas Stagg Junr That the Petitioner prays to have the sum of $220, which was Awarded by the Commissioners for widening Bancker Street to Christopher Landan his lessee be paid to him the petitioner instead of said Landan.

That the peti[ti]oner states that Landan refused to move the house back to the rear line of the Street to do which this award was made And that the Petitioner had to remove the said House back at an expence exceeding the amount of the award

Your Committe after hearing the parties are of the opinion, that the said Landan is legally entitled to receive the amount of his award, agreeably to the report of the Commissioners And that if as between the Parties who respectively claim this money there be any equities or Claims they ought to be left to Litigate the matter between themselves

Your Committe think that in a case like the present this Board ought not to undertake to decide between the parties, but that the Corporation is Bound to pay the Award acording to the report of the Commissioners And they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Asa Mann
S Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[254] The Police Committe on the Petition of William Hagerty for remission of a Judgement recovered against him on complaint of Lessee of Public Docks and Slips reported favorably as follows

The Police Committe to whom the petition of William Haggerty was referred

Respectfully Report

That the Petitioner states in his Petition that a Judgement was rendered against him before M^r^ Justice Hammond on the information of the Contractor of the Public whaves and Slips for the third District for $25, for an alledged violation of the Law in not obeying the orders of the said Contractor and he prays for a remission of the penalty founding his claim for such remission on the special circumstances set forth in his petition

Your Committe have heard the parties very fully on this subject and from a confident expectation that this case will not be *reported* [repeated] and that this Board will not be troubled again on the subject they beg leave to recommend a remission of the Penalty in the following Resolution

Resolved that the petitioner be paid out of the first monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the amount of the said Judgment after deducting therefrom the costs charges and expences incident to the said suit and which are chargeable to this Board

Thomas Bolton
Sam^l^ S^t^ John
S Cowdrey
W^m^ A Davis
J Hedden

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[255] The Police Committe on the Petition of Anna Johnson for remission of a penalty reported favorbly as follows

The Police Committe Respectfully report—That the petitioner Anna Johnson has incurred and paid the penalty for not complying with an ordinance issued from the City Inspectors office By the annexed certificate it appears that the ordinance has since been fully complied with and that the City Inspector is now satisfied She asks remission of the penalty; which the Committe recommend and offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the petitioner be repaid out of the first monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the amount paid by her as the penalty in this case after deducting all costs charges and expences

incident to the suit in this case and which are chargeable to this Board

Thomas Bolton
Sam[l] S[t] John
S Cowdrey
W[m] A Davis
Signed J Hedden

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committe on the Petition of Henry Giles for Stall N[o] 10 in Grand Street Market reported in favor as follows

The Market Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition of Henry Giles for a Butchers licence for stand N° 10 in Grand Street Market beg leave respectfully to report

That in their opinion the petitioner is a suitable person to receive a licence [256] and beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that a butchers Licence be granted to Henry Giles for the stand N° 10 Grand Street Market

Philip Hone
W[m] H Ireland
M[th] Reed
New York Septem[r] 14[th] 1825 Th[s] Bolton
Signed D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Ferry Committe on the Petition of Frances B Ogden Cadwallader D Colden and Samuel Swarthout for an extension of the Lease of the Powles Hook Ferry reported in favor as follows

The Committe on Ferries to whom was referred the Memorial of Francis B Ogden on behalf of himself and his associates praying an extension of the Lease of Powles Hook ferry respectfully Report

That in the opinion of your Committe it is indispensibly necessary that a good ferry should be kept up between this City and Powles Hook —For a long time past however that Ferry has been on the decline, owing to the introduction of Steam Boats to the Southward and having a rival ferry established in its vicinity these and other causes added to the inattention of the former proprietors have produced the present condition of that Ferry

It is believed that by granting a new Lease to the Petition Cadwallader D Colden and Samuel Swartwout (who are enterprizing individuals) that it will be of Public Utility

These Gentlemen have assured your Committe that in case the Lease of that Ferry shall be extended [257] to a reasonable time that

they will forthwith make all necessary repairs to the Bridges floats and Stages and will put on said Ferry good and proper new Steam Boats to be approved of by this Board. Your Committe taking into Consideration the great expence which must necessarily be expended by the Lessees beleive that they are entitled by every consideration of prudence to ask of this Board a reasonable extension of the Term

Your Committe are of opinion that in granting a new Lease from this City to New Jersey that there should be inserted in the same a fair rate of Tarriff Your Committe recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

Resolved that a Lease for the Powles Hook ferry be executed to Francis B Ogden Cadwallader D Colden and Samuel Swartwout for the term of 12 years after the expiration of the present lease at the annual rent of 1500 Dollars which shall contain the covenants embraced in the present Lease with a stipulated rate of ferriage to be approved of by the Ferry Committe for the time being

Resolved that after the said Lease shall have been granted the Lessees shall be at Liberty to drive such piles as may be necessary for the accomodation of the Ferry under the sanction of the Street Commissioner—all which is respectfully submitted N York Septem^{r} 26. 1825

Wm P Rathbone
Asa Mann
Signed E W King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe to whom it was referred to consult with a Committe of Merchants and Citizens [258] on the subject of celebrating the Completion of the Grand Canal which will unite the Waters of the Lakes with the Ocean presented the following report which was accepted and ordered to be filed

The Committe who were directed to confer with a committe appointed by a meeting of the Merchants and Citizens upon the subject of Celebrating the arrival of the first Canal Boat from Lake Eirie to the Waters of the Hudson

Respectfully Report

That they have held such conference accordingly, and have been authorised to State to this Board that it is the earnest wish of the said Committe and of our Fellow Citizens whom they represent that the Corporation of the City of New York would Co-operate in the said Celebration And they respectfully request the Common Council

to appoint a Committe with powers to the end that an event so great and so memorable as the Connecting the Waters of the Great Lakes with the Ocean, may be commemorated under the Auspices and Direction of the Corporation and in a manner suited to the Character of our City

R Riker
Wm A Davis
Thos Bolton
John Agnew

Alderman Cowdrey moved that a Committe be appointed agreeably to the Report of the Committe which was agreed to and the following were appointed on that Committe [259] Mr Recorder Alderman Mann Davis Mr Bolton Agnew

The Comptroller presented the following communication respecting the Assessment of Tax on the Personal property of William B Astor

An error having occurred in the Assessment of the Personal Estate of William B Astor the Assessors of the Third Ward gave a Certificate, that the amount ought to be Eight Thousand dollars in stead of Two hundred Thousand dollars as noted in the Book which was confirmed by the board on the 29 August last, and the Collector was directed to Collect on the said Sum

The Assessors have since certified, that Mr Astors Assessment should be Eighty Thousand Dollars and not Eight Thousand as above mentioned As the confirmation of the Board is necessary on this subject, the following Resolution is respectfully submitted in place of the one passed in August last

Resolved that the Collector of Taxes for the Third Ward be directed to Collect of William B Astor, the Tax upon an Assessment of Eighty Thousand dollars and that the former Resolution be rescinded

Respectfully submitted

Septemr 26th 1825 G. N Bleecker Comptlr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Comptroller stated that the time designated by Law for establishing or allowing the compensation to the Collectors of Taxes will expire [260] on the first of October he therefore brought the subject before the board as also that provision is to be made for the Collectors of the 11th and 12th Wards—Whereupon the subject was referred to the Finance Committe

Alderman Cowdrey moved that when they adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Friday next at 6 OClock P M which was agreed to

The Counsel presented a Communication on the subject of the

Fees of the Justices of the Police Court. He at the same time communicated the opinion of the Supreme Court in a case of Henry Abell and one Veitch by this determination the Counsel adds the Police Justices are of Opinion the fees will be rendered so low as not to meet the expences of the Salaries and to make the establishment a considerable expence to the Corporation The case was submitted that the Board might take such order as they might see fit Alderman King then presented the following Resolution

Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to examine into the Organization and Compensation of the Different offices Composing the Police Department of this City and that they report to this Board wether any and what alterations and amendments are necessary respecting the same

The Counsel presented Leases to R & S Bowne and to James B Clarke & Silas Butler for Ferries on the East River in the following [261] Report

The Counsel respectfully Reports, that the enclosed lease to Rodman Bowne and Samuel Bowne, extending the Ferry Lease at the foot of Catherine Street and the enclosed Lease to James B Clarke and Silas Butler, of the Ferry at the foot of Walnut Street, both of which are to expire at the end of Twenty one years from the 12th September 1825 have been examined, agreed to, and approved by the Ferry Committe, to whom their former report on the subject was referred by the board to make and settle the necessary terms and arrangement—The Counsel having prepared the Leases agreeably to the directions of the Committe, submits the same to the Board, in order that their authentication may be authorised

Respectfully submitted

Septemr 24th 1825 M Uulshoeffer

Whereupon the Leases were directed to be duly executed

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for Regulating and Paving West street from Murray to Duane Street and Repaving Murray Warren Chamber and Reed Streets and a remonstrance against the same from Philip Rhinelander which were referred to the Counsel

He also presented the following Assessment which was confirmed Viz for Regulating and paving Fourth Street between Broadway and Sixth Avenue and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for regulating and paving South Street from James Slip to Catherine Slip and Morris De Camp was [262] appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Water Street between Walnut and Corlears Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Cornelia Street near Herring Street and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Warren Street near Greenwich Street and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in King Street near Varick Street and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Pitt Street near Broome Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for opening Mulberry Street and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

He also presented an ordinance for building a Bulk head at Walnut Street Slip was passed and Abraham Dally Benjamin Prince and John Targee were appointed Assessors

He also presented an Ordinance for Repaving parts of Stone, Mill, Marketfield [263] Beaver and Garden Streets at Broad Street—which was passed and Isaac Kip John Targee and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors

Alderman Mann presented the following resolution—Resolved that the side Walks be laid in Rutgers Street from Division to Water Street and the cross walks be laid in said streets together with the intersections including Division Street

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving the side walks in Rutgers Street and laying Cross walks in the same which was passed and Abraham Baudoine John Brower and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented the following resolutions proposed by the Committe on Laws in relation to building a Bulk head and filling in opposite Lot of Robert M^cComb

The Street Commissioner under the direction of the Committe on Laws herewith covers the Resolution for building a Bulk Head on the line of South Street between Catherine Slip and Market Slip and for filling the Water Lots adjoining thereto and running through to Water Street in order that they may be passed agreeably to the recommendation of said Committe

Respectfully submitted

R Graves Street Commis^r

Whereas this Board did pass an ordinance on the eleventh of April last requiring the proprietors of the adjoining upland to make South street [264] between Catherine Street and Market Street, by the first day of September then next and to fill in the intermediate spaces of Land and whereas Robert M^cComb one of the said Proprietors, did not make and complete the same in front of his premises but has neglected so to do—It is therefore hereby ordered directed and Resolved, that the said Street or Wharf in front of said premises be forthwith made and completed by the Street Commissioner and the intermediate spaces of land be filled in, in behalf of this Corporation according to Law, and agreeably to said Ordinance for and on account of the Proprietor of said premises adjoining or opposite thereto, and to whom he shall charge the expence thereof. And if such expence shall not be repaid with lawful Interest that the Street Commissioner Report a warrant to Collect the same, so that if the amount is not collected thereon, the property may be advertised and sold agreeably to Law

Whereupon the Resolutions proposed were adopted

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certrifying the Vacancy

Fire Engine Company

No 1

John Emley. Mason Sulivan S^t V^c James A Cregier Resigned

No 2

Andrew E Turnbull House Carpenter 20 Pump Street
V^c Joseph Cauldwell Resigned

No 3

W^m P Harris Painter 122 Broad Street
V^e C *Husin* [Heiser] Time expired

W^m Brower Acc^t 53 Stone S^t
V^c J. M^cMelon [James M^cMullen] do

[265] No. 15.

Robert A M^cKinley Accountant 54 Mott Street
V^c George M Thompson Disabled at a fire

No. 17

John Lent. Ship Carpenter 237 Mott Street
V^c John Dougherty—Time expired

Christopher C Bennett Merchant 414½ Pearl S^t
V^c Amos T Morris—Resigned

No 25

Renssellaer N Havens Merchant 133 Reed Street
Vc Concklin Titus Resigned

No 37.

Frederick Horton Grocer 323 Bowery Vc Jacob Seaman Resigned

No 39

John R S Hugget Accountant Gould Strt
Vc Smith Brinckeroff—Left the City

No 40

William Pessenger Tallow Chandler 32 Orange Street
Vc Samuel B Edwards Resigned
Beal Lewis Dean Shoemaker 118 Bowery
Vc John D Woods do

No 41

Amos B Clark Blacksmith Rivington Ridge
Vc Casper Corley—Time Expired

Hook & Ladder

No 4

Phillip Smith Carman No 50 Norfolk Stt
Vc John Hulshart Resigned

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances Vizt

No 1.	G Beekman	owner		Greene Street	A Lot
2.	[266] G Beekman	Do		Wooster Street	A Lot
3.	E Bowne	Do		Greene Street	A Lot
4.	S Whiting	Do	488	Greenwich Stt	Do
5.	Pr Lorillard	Do		Washington Strt	Do
6.	A Wyncoop	Do		Second Street	Do
7.	A Woods	Do		North Street	Do
8.	J Smith	Do		Hudson Street	Do
9.	B Pell	Do	228	Cherry Street	A Privy

George Cuming
City Inspr

26 Septr 1825

Mr Cox presented a Resolution for the purchase of a Lot of Ground in the vicinity of the Bowery and Fourth Street for the Location of Fire Engine Company No 10 which was referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

A Resolution was presented to enquire into the propriety of

increasing the compensation of the Superintendant of Repairs which was referred to the Committe on Repairs

Mr Hedden presented a resolution directing the Clerk to procure 50 Copies of the Election Law for the use of the Inspectors of the next Election which was referred to the Law Committe

Mr Hone presented a Resolution authorising the Market Committe to place chains across Water Street at Catherine Street during the removal of the present Market and the erecting of the new one Which was agreed to

[267] The Report of the Law Committe on the subject of the School Fund was called up and made the order of the day at the next meeting of the Board

Mr Agnew gave notice he would at the next regular meeting move for a Reconsideration of the order of the Board to execute the Leases of the East River Ferry

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Acct 12th Inst	32.56
Recd for Streets	5518.66
Rents	2288.22
Tax of 1824 2d Ward	1000.
Cartmen & Porters Licences	438.12
Police Office	202.
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 15th August	18.000.00
	27.479.56

32 Accounts Auditted and ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt—Watch 1st Distrct	971.25
Hibbard & Clark do 2d "	775.25
Bleakley & Stagg do 3d "	750.75
Wm S Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qur 22d Inst & expences	254.25
J Mitchell & Co 26 Casks Oil	1350.72
G Snethen Lighting lamps 1 Mo 1st Octr	801.72
J Fleming Treasurer for City Tax 1824 Overpaid by the Collector 9th Ward	143.45
Thos Snowden 6 Mo Subscription National Advocate 15th June	50.00
J. Sloan Bal regulating & Curbing Amity St from Broadway to 6th Avenue	421.95
[268] N Jarvis Amt Overpaid on sundry Assessments Ordered by Finace Committe	350.
C Mooney Actt paving side walks Chrystie Street from Broome to Delancy St	300.00
J Sloan bal regulating Green Street from Bleecker to Fourth Street	468.66

H Smith Acct regulating & paving Cannon Street from Broome to Stanton St	200.00	
W Felch Balance regulating & paving Ridge Street from Broome to Delancy Street	109.41	
S Fargay repairs of pavements at Centre Market	285.05	
C Mooney repaving Charlton Street front Corporation Block	162.70	
J Meghan repairs intersection 8th Ward	82.36	
H Smith repairs intersection 7th Ward	35.55	
J Pinkerton Corporation part reg & pav: Fourth Street in front Pottersfield	941.62	
G Tucker bal extra Work at Fever Hospital	85.00	
J Gallagher 1st paymt Well Bancker St near Grand St	54.00	
C Coles filling at Bulkhead Stanton & Rivington Slip	10.000.00	
A Storms 3d paymt bui[l]ding Pier foot of Charlton Street	1.537.50	
A Storms 3d paymt building L to Pier foot of Charlton Street	500.00	
Abrm Leggett work at Mud scow to 25th Inst	195.44	
Jacob P Roome Superintendant Repairs for Pump Department	800.00	
Jacob P Roome Supert Repairs Fire Department	500.00	
[269] Jacob P Roome Supert Repairs Markets	400.00	
Jacob P Roome " Docks & Slips	300.00	
Jacob P Roome " Lamp Depart	200.00	
A Burtis Supert Alms House for Fever Hospital	1450.00	
A Burtis do Alms House	3000.00	
		27.476.63
Balance Dollars		2.93

[270] Special Meeting In Common Council September 30th 1825

Present The Hon: William Paulding Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samel St John
Wm H Ireland	John Agnew
Samel Cowdrey	William Burtsell
John Webb	Josiah Hedden
Mathew Reed	Jameson Cox
Asa Mann	Wm P Rathbone
Jacob B Taylor	
Wm A Davis	
Gideon Ostrander	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of E H Wasner was received stating he is administrator of George Wasner (Decd) and has a Bond and Mortgage on a Lot in

Houston Street which Lot belonged to Robert Wade and has been taken to open Houston Street and praying the sum awarded by the Commissioners to persons unknown may be paid to him which was confirmed by a similar request from Robert Wade which having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

[271] A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Gouverneur and Henry Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and the Street Commissioner

A Petition that Gouverneur Street may be regulated and Paved from Division Street to Cherry Street was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Thomas Conrey for Office of Inspector of Fire wood was referred to the Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips

A Petition of Isaac B Strong for Office of City Weigher was received and laid for consideration it was afterward called up and he was appointed. And it was Resolved that Isaac B Strong be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher

A Petition of William P Roome to be appointed Keeper of the Fever Hospital was read and referred to the Committe on the Fever Hospital

A Petition of James Taller was received stating that he is sub tenant under an agreement with Clarissa Munson Widow of David Munson of the Lot and building corner of Catherine and Division Streets formerly used as a Watch House and leased by the Corporation to David Munson Deceased that he is desirous of making improvements on the Lot and therefore requests an extension of the Term which having been read was referred to the Finance Committe

[272] The Petition of William Kinkhead for grants of Land under water opposite to his land in the Twelfth Ward adjoining to Harlaem River and contiguous to McCombs bridge The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committe

A Letter was received from Rodman and Samuel Bowne Lessees of Catherine Slip Ferry stating that understanding some of the Members of the Board have expressed a dissatisfaction with the arrangements made by the Ferry Committe for the extension of their Lease they offer to the Common Council a total abandonment of the Contract on their part as they entered into it rather at the request of the Committe than in expectation of benefit on their part The same after some discussion was referred to the Ferry Committe

A Petition was received from James B Clark and Silas Butler Lessees of Walnut Street Ferry stating that understanding some of the Members of the Board are disatisfied with the Terms of the Lease to them they offer to relinquish the Contract on the Corporations indemnifying them for the expences they have been put to Which upon being read was referred to the Ferry Committe

A Presentment of the Grand Jury of the 16th of September Inst was laid before the Board In this they present the conduct *of* [273] of Joseph L Hays one of the Marshalls attending the Police Court as having been Insolent and oppressive in the case of Mr John P Garniss who attended the Police Office to obtain the Assistance of a Peace Officer to apprehend a Maniac who was conducting in a violent and highly dangerous manner

They also represent the conduct of the Clerk of the said Court Sylvester L Hommidieu on the same occasion as undignified and indecorous and tending to bring the Officers of the Court into disrepute and the Public Interest thereby to injury—The same having been read was referred to the Police Committe

The Comptroller presented the following Report on the accounts of John Gelston

The Comptroller respectfully reports on the account of John Gelston for Rent of his House at Kips Bay, which has been occupied for a Hospital It appears that Six Months rent was due to Mr Gelston on the 1st May last Amount $100 Which with the sum of $100, for sundry expences incurred for damages done to the House during its occupation as aforesaid it is thought by the Finance Committe ought to be paid It is therefore respectfully recommended that a Warrant be reported in favor of John Gelston for $200 in full

G N Bleecker Compt^r

September 30th 1825

Whereupon the Compt^r was directed to issue a Warrant for $200 to John Gelston

A Petition of sundry owners of property remonstrating against any Assessment being levied on their property for opening Ridge Street [274] from Grand to Division Street as they consider the acts of John R Livingston the owner of the ground as having concluded him from demanding any Award for the value of the ground to be taken and praying further proceedings on the Assessment may be staid which was read and referred to the Counsel

A Petition of John Cox for Office of Measurer of Grain was presented and laid on the Table—It was afterward called up and it was Resolved that John Cox be and he is hereby appointed Measurer of Grain in the City of New York

Alderman Taylor presented a Resolution that a Well and Pump be placed in Mercer Street between Bleecker and Amity streets which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner

The Finance Committe on the petition of the Trustees of S^{t} Philips Church reported against the Petition as follows

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the Petition of the Trustees of S^{t} Philips Church and certain other persons relating to certain Lots in Chrystie Street used for burying coloured persons in this City. That it appears that the Fee of the property in question is vested in this Corporation by a Deed from Samuel Delaplaine and wife dated the 1st June 1795 " In Trust for the use and to be appropriated and used as and for a burying ground for the Interment of all Negroes who shall die within the City of New York " The deed is to the [275] Corporation, but not them and their assigns—That the petitioners wish this property to be transferred to the Corporation of S^{t} Philips Church and claim to have this done by virtue of the agreement of this Board contained in their Resolution of the 22^{d} June 1795 which resolution may, be found on the minutes of this Board of that date That it appears by a report of a Committe on the minutes of this Board of the 7th of April 1795 (on a petition which was presented on the 27th October 1794) that certain persons being black men in this city, prayed the aid of this Board to purchase a peice of Ground for the interment of their dead and that this Board, as well as the Vestry of Trinity Church made advances towards such purchase which purchase was made by the Deed above referred to. That by the Resolution first above mentioned this Board agreed that certain coloured persons might take and use said Land, and receive fees for burying, and " that whenever an incorporation can be effected agreeably to Law, the said Land may be conveyed to the Trustees for the purposes aforesaid " That your Committe entertain doubts wether the petitioners are the persons intended by the resolution; and are of the opinion that this Board cannot convey this property to the Petitioners (even if they were so disposed) without the authority of an Act of the Legislature. That the Deed is in trust for a certain purpose, and that the board cannot divest themselves of this property nor discharge the Trust

unless specially authorised by Law. That your Committe therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

[276] Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsel

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committe to whom was referred the Communication from the City Chamberlain in relation to the Tax on Incorporated Companies which had not made return to the Comptroller of the residue of their stockholders agreeably to Law presented the following Report

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed communication from John Fleming Esquire the City Treasurer That it appears that several of the Banks and Insurance Companies have not made returns of their Stockholders to the Comptroller of the State, according to Law, whereby the whole amount of Taxes collected from such Companies are retained by the State, and not credited to the City where the bulk of the Stockholders reside. For this omission, the Officers of such Companies are by Law indictable, but your committe think that before such measures should be taken the persons interested ought to be notified

In case the companies in question, make their returns, your committe recommend that the chamberlain immediately apply to the State Comptroller to have this County creditted as if the returns had been made in time

If that is not granted by the State Comptroller an application for releif must be made at the next session of the Legislature—With respect to the other [277] subject in the Chamberlains communication (which relates to an old claim of interest by the State against this County) Your Committe will hereafter report when they have obtained the necessary information on the subject—Your committe therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, that the City Treasurer be requested to notify the Companies who have not made their returns of their default, and of the penalty of the Law in such cases, and request them *with* without delay to make out such returns according to Law And that in case

such returns are not made by the Fifteenth day of October next, that the Law be put in force against those in default

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell
Signed S Cowdrey

Which was approved and it was resolved that the Resolution proposed by the Committe be printed in the papers employed by the Board

The Finance Committe on the Petition from the Trustees of Harlaem Commons presented a Report which was read and laid for Consideration

The Finance Committe to whom was referred the Communication of the Comptroller on the subject of the compensation to be allowed to the Collectors of Taxes of the several Wards presented the following Report

The Finance Committe to whom was referred the subject of fixing the rate of compensation according to Law, to be allowed to the Collectors of Taxes [278] in the respective wards, who are to be elected at the ensuing election, Respectfully report that they have duly considered the subject and offer for the consideration of the board the following resolution

Resolved, that the said Collectors of the respective wards, to be elected at the ensuing election, be allowed the following compensation for their services that is to say—To the Collector of the First Ward one half per Cent on the amount to be by him collected, The Collector of the second Ward Two per Cent., The Collector of the Third Ward Two and five eighths per Cent, the Collector of the Fourth Ward Three and three eighths per Cent The Collector of the Fifth Ward Four per Cent The Collector of the Sixth Ward Three and three fourths Pr cent, The Collector of the Seventh Ward Six and one half per Cent The Collector of the Eighth Ward Four and one half per Cent The Collector of the Ninth ward five and one half per Cent—The Collector of the Tenth Ward Six per Cent, The Collector of the Eleventh Ward Seven per Cent and The Collector of the Twelfth Ward eight pr Cent

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the petition of Augustus Van Courtlandt Henry White and James Morris respecting Water Grants presented the following Report which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[279] The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed petition of Augustus Van Cortlandt Henry White and James Morris by offering for the consideration of the Board the following resolutions

1 Resolved that a grant be made to the petitioners free of Quit rent from the line of the termination of their present Grants (mentioned in petition) to the line of the Easterly side of West street on condition of their making said Street in front of their premises and on the usual Conditions, they paying the expence of the Conveyances

II Resolved, that upon the execution of the said conveyances, this board consents to, and authorises the petitioners to extend their Piers, so far and in such manner as may be directed by the Street Commissioner

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
J Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

The Finance Committe on the petition of Samuel Lyon for extension of his lease reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed petition of Samuel Lyon, That the petitioner holds a Lease of No 511 Pearl Street and wishes an extension of the same Your Committe however do not think that it is proper under the circumstances of this case to grant an extension of this lease according to the wishes of the Petitioner

Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

[280] Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
J Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the Petition of John Faye presented the following report which was agreed to and accepted

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed petition of John Faye on behalf of the Children and heirs of James O Faye deceased praying to be paid the balance of their fathers personal estate, which has been paid into the City Treasury by the Public Administrator,

That your Committe on the 11th May last made a full report on this subject, as by reference to the Minutes will appear That the names of the securities offered by the Petitioners (viz Alexander Cascaden, Grocer and Alexander Divvers Distiller) are approved by this Committe, And according to the said Report and resolution following it, heretofore made to, and adopted by this board, the said Monies will be paid to those Legally entitled to receive the same All which is respectfully submitted

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell
Signed S Cowdrey

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[282] In Common Council October 10th 1825

Present—The Hon: William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Mathew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Danel E Dunscomb
Wm H Davis	Effingham Schieffelin
Gideon Ostrander	Wm P Rathbone

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Joseph Hatfield for Office of Inspector of Fire wood was read and laid on the table

A Petition of John R Livingston for remission of a penalty incurred by not filling in Lots on Elizabeth Street was referred to the Police Committe

A Petition of Jane Ann De Coudres in behalf of Tamar Buds for time to pay Assessment on House No 265 Broad way laid for opening [283] North Street, was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Thomas Shaw complaining of the Deputy Clerk of Fulton Market in relation to a stand in the Market was referred to the Market Committe

A Petition of William Maxwell for Office of Inspector of Lumber was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Petition of Joseph Strong for Lease of Lot of ground at the Corner of Wall and Nassau Streets was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Timothy Madden praying that the Assessemt for opening La Fayette place may not be presented to the Supreme Court for confirmation until next May Term On a Motion that the prayer of the petition be granted the question being taken thereon and a Division having been called for by Alderman Taylor the Members Voted as follows

Negative Mr Recorder Aldermen Wyckoff—Ireland—Webb—Taylor—Ostrander Mr Bolton—St John—Hone—Agnew—Burtsell & Cox 12

Affirmative Aldermen King—Cowdrey—Reed—Mann Mr Hedden—Dunscomb—Scheiffelin & Rathbone 8

So the question passed in the negative—The petition was ordered to lie on the Table

A Petition of William Green for relief for a Penalty incurred by not filling in a [284] Lot accompanied by a certificate of the City Inspector that the Ordinance has since been complied with was read and the Penalty remitted on Payment of Costs

A similar Petition from Walter Bowne accompanied also by a Certificate from the City Inspector that the ordinance had since been complied with was read and the penalty remitted on payment of Costs

A Petition of Charles Watts was received stating that in the year One thousand eight hundred and nineteen as owner of the place called Weehawk in New Jersey he applied for and obtained a Lease of said Ferry to ply from New York to Weehawk in a Boat upon a new principle, that he has long since ceased to own said Ferry and has never received any advantages from the Ferry and prays to be released from his contract and for rent due thereon—was referred to the Ferry Committe

A Petition of Robert Gourlay for relief from a Personal Tax was read and referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition of some of the Butchers in Catherine Market praying that the part of the Market nearest Water Street may be lowered was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition that Rose Street may be regulated and repaired from Duane [285] Street to Frankfort Street was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Samuel Howell to be reappointed Inspector and Measurer of Lumber was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Communication from James U Dominick granting to the Corporation for a Cistern for extinguishing fires all the water which descends from a building situated corner of Chatham square and Harman Street was read and referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

Two Petitions one from the Inhabitants of Long Island and the other from sundry Inhabitants of the City of New York praying the Corporation will grant the prayers of the petitioners for the establishment of a Ferry from Old Slip in the City of New York to Pierponts Distillery on Long Island was referred to the Ferry Committe

A Petition of owners and occupants of property in Water Street between Pike and Market Streets praying the proposed regulation may be suspended for the present was read and referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of David Reynolds for a Licence for Stall N° 48 Fulton Market was referred to the Market Committe

[286] The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips on the Petition to have Duane Slip filled in and a Bulkhead compleated along the line of West Street Reported in favor as follows

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the annexed petition of the owners of property at and near Duane Slip praying that they may be permitted to make West Street in front of their premises—Report that in their opinion it has become necessary for the public convenience to have West street made and continued across Duane Slip—but as the public basins are under lease till May next your Committe deem it advisable to postpone the passing an ordinance to take Effect until that time, unless the proprietors of Lots interested therein shall make such arrangements with the Lessee of the Slip as he shall be satisfied with—and on such arrangement

being made your Committe would recommend that an Ordinance be passed to make West Street immediately and to fill up the Slip in the course of the ensuing winter—Accordingly they submit the following Resolution

Resolved that West Street be made from Jay Street to the Pier on the westerly side of Duane Slip, and the Slip be filled in to the Bulkhead and that the Street Commissioner report an ordinance accordingly

John Webb
John Agnew
Wm H Ireland
Mth Reed
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[287] The Committe on the Fever Hospital to whom was referred the petition of Tucker & Westerfield Contractors for building the Fever Hospital relative to a Balance claimed by them, presented a report which was read and laid for consideration

The Finance Committe on the petition of Duncan P Campbell and others relative to building a Bulk head reported against the same as follows

The Committe on the Fever Hospital to whom was referred the Petition of Duncan P Campbell and others praying this Board to extend and improve 23d Street by running a Bulk head along the line of said Street in the East River about 300 feet or so far as to intersect one now building by them, running paralel with the river, or if more agreeable to this Board, to continue a bulk head on a line with the one now building by the petitioners in Front of the Fever Hospital till it strikes the Pier of the Alms House Dock—Report that in the opinion of your Committe neither of the improvements proposed by the Petitioners appear to be required for the convenience of the establishment at Bellevieu, independant of an expence which would be incurred by this Board of six or seven thousand dollars to adopt the first plan proposed and as to the second proposition, the bulk head and filling in would probably cost 40 or 50 Thousand dollars besides the great expence which would attend the laying drains from the Fever Hospital to the River, Which after all its much more desirable in the opinion of your Committe should be kept open and unobstructed in front of the Hospital, than to have it filled in, Your [288] Committe

are therefore of opinion the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted, they therefore take leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Henry J Wyckoff
Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Wm A Davis
Signed E W King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Ferry Committe to whom were referred the Leases for Catherine Slip and Walnut Street ferries presented the following Report

The Ferry Committe to whom was referred the subject of the Lessees of Catherine Street ferry, and Walnut Street Ferry and the memorial of the Lessees of the same, offering to relinquish their rights beg leave to Report—That they have given the whole subject an attentive examination and beleive that the public good will be promoted by adhering to the contract heretofore made and adopted by the Common Council by the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that His Honor the Mayor on the part of this Corporation, execute the Leases to James B Clarke & Silas Butler, and Rodman Bowne & Samuel Bowne as heretofore reported and agreed on, all which is respectfully submitted

Signed Wm P Rathbone
E W King
New York Oct 10th 1825 Asa Mann

[289] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the eighth Ward and the Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and Pump in Mercer Street reported in favor as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Mercer Street Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that a Well be dug and built in Mercer Street between Bleecker Street and Amity Street

Jacob B Taylor
D E Dunscomb
Signed R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and Pump in Minetto Street reported in favor as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Minetto Street Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Signed D E Dunscomb R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[290] The Street Committe to whom was referred the Petition of John L Norton to cede certain streets and avenues reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed Communication from John L Norton tendering a cession of all the Streets and Avenues intersecting his grounds at Bloomingdale Report that they can discover no Objections to the acceptance of the offered Cession of M[r] Norton and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the Cession of the Streets and Avenues to this Corporation by John L Norton be accepted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Asa Mann
Sam[el] S[t] John
Signed Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition to have Cornelia Street paved reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition for paving Cornelia Street from Herring Street to the Sixth Avenue

Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Sign[d] Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Samuel S[t] John
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[291] The Street Committe on the Petition to Pave Christopher Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the petition of Sundry persons praying that Christopher Street may be regulated and paved from Hudson Street to Assylum Street—Report that in their Opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Asa Mann
Samel St John
Signed Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the presentment of the Grand Jury against Catherine Lane and the remonstrance of certain proprietors of Lots in said Lane, presented a report which was read and laid for consideration

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company

No 1

John Coddington Carpenter, Varick Street
Vc Henry Elmendorf—Resigned

Peter Smith Mason, Sullivan Street
Vc Timothy C Stacy—Resigned

No 3

Daniel Manross Carpenter, 76 Water Street
Vc James Swaine Resigned

[292] No 6

Benjamin Brower Carpenter, 56 Leonard Street
Vc Mulford M Martin Resigned

Gideon Dupont Last Maker, 68 Vesey Street
Vc Thomas West Resigned

No 7

Daniel Baker Carver, 105 Mulberry Street
Vc George Queenard Resigned

N° 9

Joseph R Young—Cabinet Maker, 47 Greenwich Street
Vᶜ John Low Resigned
Richard S Roome Mason, 14 Barclay Street
Vᶜ Henry Stewart Resigned

N° 10

John Flandreau Carpenter, Fork of Bowery & Broadway
Vᶜ John Snyder Resigned

N° 11

George Duroche—Shoe Maker, Division Street
Vᶜ James Gulic Appointed an Engineer
William F Micheau Carpenter 206 William Street
Vᶜ William S Mitre Dead

N° 12

James Rogers—Watch Maker 59 Church Street
Vᶜ Robert Theall Resigned

N° 13

Robert H Haydock Accountant Pearl Street
Vᶜ Thoˢ B Laffen Exempt from an Injury recᵈ at a Fire

N° 14

Richard McCollick, Fish seller 213 Washington Street
Vᶜ Philip Grim Resigned
William F Hopson—Accountant 24 Vandewater Street
Vᶜ Alexʳ W Stewart Resigned

N° 17

George W Day Cooper 44 Oak Street
Vᶜ Robert C Carpenter—Resigned

[293] N° 23

John Lent—Carpenter, Spring Street
Vᶜ James S Waterbury Resigned

N° 24

Ward Loete—Cabinet Maker, Broad Street
Vᶜ Rutgert Van Brunt Time expired
Edmund Delemater Cabinet Maker, Broad Street
Vᶜ John Vandenburgh Time expired
Joseph Neils—Cabinet Maker, Broad Street
Vᶜ David Wood Time expired

N° 25

John T S Smith—Exchange Broker, 78 Eldridge Street
V^c Munson S Peet—Resigned

John J Stephens Accountant, 19 Provost Street
V^c Dimond Chandler Resigned

N° 26

Stephen Cook—Black Smith, 150 Division Street
V^c Alexander Stewart App^d a Warden

N° 30

Eldon Wheeler—Rope Maker, Attorney near North St^r
V^c Frederick Thompson Resigned

Joseph S Taylor—Rope Maker, Pitt near Broome Street
V^c Edmund Willets Resigned

N° 41

Thomas Vredenburgh Carpenter, Delancy near Columbia S^t
V^c Andrew Grozart Time expired

The Counsel presented a Lease to James B Clark Robert Carter and George Hicks for Lot N° 17 at Brooklyn for Fourteen years from the First of May last at Thirty dollars p^r year which was directed to be duly executed

[294] The Counsel to whom had been referred the Assessment on West Street presented the following Report

The Counsel of the Board, to whom the enclosed assessment (for regulating and paving West Street from Murray to Duane Street, and for repaving parts of Murray Warren Chamber and Reed Streets) was referred, together with the Remonstrance of Philip, William C and Frederick W Rhinelander against the same Respectfully Reports thereon—That having examined said Remonstrance and the Water Grant from the Corporation to the late William Rhinelander dated 16^th Nov^r 1807 he is of the opinion that nothing therein contained forms a valid objection to the said Assessment which is (in the opinion of the subscriber, so far as it relates to this matter) made according to Law—That the Assessors have assessed the adjoining property, proportionably, for the expence of this improvement, and have assessed for the intersections according to the same Rule, on the adjoining corners—That the assessors could not in the opinion of the subscriber have assessed the expence of the intersections in any other manner, than upon the adjoining corners—as those are the Lots manifestly intended to be benefitted thereby, and such has been the rule of assessing uniformly followed, as far as the subscriber can ascertain—That

it follows that the assessment ought to be ratified by the Common Council even if there existed any Covenant as between the late William Rhinelander and the Corporation on the subject—That the subscriber, however, cannot discover in the Water Grant alluded to, any covenant on the subject of paving and [295] regulating the Intersections that could alter the general rule on the subject of Assessments—That if the adjoining corner Lots, were held in fee, and bounded by West Murray and Reed Streets those lots would still have to pay for paving the Intersections—That the Covenants in the said Grant relate to the making of said streets and repairing the same, as between the Corporation and the late William Rhinelander, but do not in the opinion of the subscriber, alter the effect of an Assessment for paving and regulating those streets upon the property in Question—nor exempt such property from paying its ordinary share of such assessment That at all events, such covenants form no objection to the ratification of the aforesaid Assessment and the subscriber accordingly recommends that the said Assessment be ratified and confirmed

Respectfully submitted

Septe[r] 30—1825 M Ulshoeffer

Which was approved—the Assessment confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector thereof

The Counsel on the subject of Cliff Street and Twentieth Street presented the following

The Counsel, to whom it was referred to take the necessary measures for the opening of Cliff Street, and of Twentieth Street, respectfully submits the enclosed resolutions in the premises for Adoption by the Board, and the enclosed petitions to the Supreme Court to be authenticated in the usual manner

Respectfully submitted

4 Oct[r] 1825 M Ulshoeffer

Resolved that it is desirable for the public con- [296] venience to widen open and improve Cliff street in the Second and Fourth Wards of the City of New York, between Beekman Street and Frankfort Street according to the plan of the same as laid down in a "Map of the property required for opening Cliff Street from near Beekman to Frankfort Street" dated New York Sep[t] 1825 made by Isaac J Ludlam City Surveyor (the same being in that part of the said City not laid out into streets, Avenues, Squares and Public places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the act entitled "An Act relative to improvements, touching the laying

out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York, and for other purposes" passed April 3d 1807) And that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done And that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect

Resolved, That it is desirable for the public convenience to open Twentieth Street in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York from the Third Avenue to the Bloomingdale Road (the same being a Street laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the Act entitled "an Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes passed April 3d 1807) and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done, and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court in the premises

Which was [297] approved the Resolutions were adopted and the Petitions directed to be duly authenticated

The Counsel on the subject of a Covenant to be given by Nicholas Fish and Benjn R Winthrop presented the following Report

The Counsel, agreeably to the directions of the Board, has obtained a Covenant from Nicholas Fish and Edgerton L Winthrop, relative to the future release of the interest of Benjn R Winthrop and John W Chanler and Wife in and to the land ceded for opening Essex Ludlow Norfolk Suffolk and Arundle Streets which covenant is herewith respectfully submitted to the board

1 Octr 1825 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Covenant was accepted

The Counsel presented a Report together with a Water Grant to John Flack and Nicholas Gouverneur—Whereupon the Grant was referred to the Finance Committe with authority to fix the amount of Quit Rent and the Mayor was authorised to cause the said Grant to be executed in the recess of the Board

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for Repaving a part of the Bowery at the Intersection of First Street *whas* [which was] confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Bancker Street near Grand Street which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was Appointed Collector

[298] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for Lay-

ing Courses of Cross Walks in the Fourth Ward which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed

An Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Minetto Street and Abraham Baudoine, Cary Dunn and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

An Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Mercer Street and Abraham Baudoine Cary Dunn and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

An Ordinance for a Well and Pump in White Street near Orange Street and Abraham Boudine James Bleecker and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the following Assessments Viz

For opening Sixth Avenue from Thirteenth Street to Love lane

For filling Grand Street Slip and

For laying the Side Walks in Chrystie Street between Broome and Delancy Streets—and Warrants were directed to issue to Morris De Camp to Collect the same

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed

[299] The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

No						
1.	G Haight	owner		Water Street		A Lot
2	M Lewis	Do		Rivington Street		Do
3	H Wicker	Do		Allen Street		Do
4	P. Lorillard	Do		Green Street		Do
5	R D Trussell	Do		North Street		A privy
6	A Clark	Do		Burrows Street		Do
7	A Valentine	Do	475	Greenwich Street		Do
8	Do	Do	473	Do		Do
9	F Depeyster	Do	24	New Street		Do
10	C Anderson	Do	3	James Street		Do
11	Do	Do		Chatham & James Street		Do

George Cumming
City Inspector

10th October 1825

Mr Hedden presented the following Resolution respecting laying out the Lots belonging to the Corporation at the Collect and the adjoining Block occupied as a State Arsenal for a Public Square

Whereas the grounds in the Sixth Ward forming the square occupied by the Superintendant of Repairs. belonging to this Corporation

have been made by filling up the Collect and are surrounded by a dense population and so situated, that to permit buildings to be erected thereon, would probably occasion sickness and disease in the Centre of the City, and extensively endanger the health of its Inhabitants

And whereas open and public squares within the City ought to be made and preserved as far as lays in the power of this Board

Therefore Resolved that as soon as the removal of the present works of the Corporation on the said grounds can conveniently be effected the same [300] shall be laid out and formed into a public square, and forever appropriated to that and no other purpose

Resolved further that this Corporation as soon as Circumstances will permit will procure from the State if they can do it on reasonable terms, the Title to the adjoining block on which the Public Arsenal now stands and that the same in that event shall also be appropriated to the sole and [only] purpose of a Public Square

Oct^{r} 10. 1825 Presented by Josiah Hedden

Whereupon the same was referred to the Committe on Lands and Places

Alderman Mann Chairman of the Finance Committe presented a Resolution authorising the Comptroller to borrow under the direction of the Finance Committee any Sum not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars and at an Interest of not more than Six P^{r} Cent—per Annum which was adopted

Alderman Mann presented the following Resolved that application be made to the next Legislature for a Grant of Land under Water to extend to East and Tompkins Street on the East River. Which was referred to the Committe on Applications to the Legislature

Alderman Ireland presented a Resolution to allow the Keeper of the Penitentiary a Salary of One thousand Dollars per Annum which was referred to the Committe on Public Offices

[301] It was moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment of Inspectors of the ensuing Election for the several Wards of the City which was agreed to and the following persons were appointed

First Ward	Third Ward
John Y Cebra	Benjamin Bailey
David Johnson	John Oothout
James Boyd	Thomas Hertell
Second Ward	**Fourth Ward**
Thomas H Ronalds	David Brush
Gilbert Roe	David Bryson
John Sutphin	John Baker

Fifth Ward	Ninth Ward.
George Concklin	Samuel M Thompson
Robert M Russell	David S Jones
Mangle M Quackenbos	Thomas Morris
Sixth Ward	Tenth Ward
Shivers Parker	Judah Hammond
Andrew Surree	James Palmer
Adam W Turnbull	Reuben Clark
Seventh Ward	Eleventh Ward
Abraham Dally	Noah Brown
Daniel Dusenbury	Daniel Burtinett
Job Furman	George Farrington
Eighth Ward	Twelfth Ward
Stuart F Randolph	Jacobus Duyckman
James McCready	Andrew McGown
Jacob *Aarmes* [Aims]	James Flanagan

A Resignation was received from Effingham Schieffelien Esq[r] of his Office of Assistant Justice of the Ninth Ward which was read and laid for Consideration

[302] A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants of the Ninth Ward recommending James Flanagan for the Office of Assistant Justice of the Ninth Ward was read and laid for Consideration

The Report of the Law Committe on the subject of Schools was called up and after some discussion the further Consideration thereof was postponed and it was made the order of the day at the next meeting of the Board

Alderman Cowdrey called up a Report made to the Common Council on the Twenty seventh of October One thousand eight hundred and Twenty three on the subject of appointing City Commissioners whose duty should be to attend to making of all Contracts and the execution of them and the execution of the different Ordinances of the Corporation which was referred to the Committe on Public Offices

The Recorder presented the following which was adopted— Resolved that the Clerk of this Board return the Maps of Tanners North and South America and in Lieu thereof obtain his new Atlas

The names of the several applicants for the Office of Inspector of Fire wood was reported by the Chairman of the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom the Petitions had been referred and the Report was laid on the Table

A member stating he had confidential business to communicate the Lobby [303] was cleared and the doors closed

A Petition was presented from L H Clark and Reuben Spencer soliciting a lease of the reversionary Interest of the Corporation to the North Battery subject to the existing rights of the United States therein which being read was referred to the Committe on Lands and places—And it was Resolved that the injunction of secrecy implied by the closing of the doors be removed

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Acct 26th Septemr	2.93
Recd for Streets	5077.25
Justices Courts	880.30
Tavern & Excise Licences	470.00
Fire department	400.00
Rents	333.92
Wells and Pump	60.00
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 15th August balance	15400.00

67 Accounts audited and ordered to be Paid

Concklin & Blauvelt Watch 1 Dist	971.25
Hibbard & Clark do 2 Dist	775.25
Bleakley & Stagg do 3d	750.75
R Riker Recorder 1 Qr Salary 1st Inst	375.00
R Graves Street Commissioner 1 Qr Salary 1 Inst	400.00
C Myers Keeper Potters field 1 Month 1 Inst	67.50
J Sidell First Marshall 1 Qur 1 Inst	225.00
Astin & Higbie Messengers 1 Month 1 Inst including Sundays from 1st January	130.00
O Ayres Assistant City Inspector 1 Mo 1 Inst	45.50
J Coffin do do do	45.50
[304] R Jaques Street Inspector 1st Ward 1 M'o 1 Inst	45.00
P Wright do 2d do	45.00
T Jeroleman do 3d do	45.00
N B Lyon do 4th do	45.00
J M Thomas do 6th do	45.00
B Fuller do 7th do	45.00
J Hutchings do 8th do	45.00
D Hubbard do 10th do	45.00
C Gillman Keeper of Battery do	30.00
A McCready Keeper of the Park do	30.00
I A Isaacs Street Inspector 5th Ward do	45.00
B Hicks Assist Board of Health do	45.50
J Pinckney do do	45.50
A Burtis Supert Alms House & Officers 1 Qur Salary 1 Inst	625.00
J O Woodruff Keeper Penitentiary and Assistants 1 Qur Salary 1 Inst	537.50
John Gelston Rent for a House at Kips Bay in full	200.00
M Ulshoeffer J Morton & J Hedden expences to Albany on bussiness releative to Boundary of New Jersey and New York	150.00

Manhattan Company Water for Markets & Jail 1 year 1st May 1826 ..... 115.00
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 Inst..... 74.17
J Bremner do Catherine do do ..... 60.
Jas Gilbert do 3 Markets do 49.00
P Amerman do do do 48.50
G Duryea do Fulton Market do 41.67
D Astin sweeper do do do 38.59
R Smith Clerk Franklin do do 37.50
G Snethen Superintent Lamps 1 Quarter Salary 1 Month 1 Inst 137.50
[305] R Provoost repairing Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst..... 86.03
Abm Leggett work mud scow 12 days to 9th Inst..... 148.61
John Rowlett 24 Maps South America..... 144.00
P. A Jay Counsel fee in suits for Burials..... 100.00
Ann Johnson penalty remitted ordered 26th Septr..... 22.50
Wm Haggerty penalty remitted ordered 26th Septr..... 22.50
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys fees & charges widens Slote Lane at Pearl Street..... 127.87
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys fees & charges opening Mulberry Street from Rosevelts line to Bleecker Street..... 157.53
H Smith acct reg: and pav: Cannon Street from Broome to Stanton Street 200.00
R *Pittenger* [Pettigrew] bal pav: side walks Washington Strtt from Beaver Lane to Market Field Street..... 228.00
A. L. Stewart Cathe Cox Magdalen Beekman & heirs of Johanna Beekman Award opening Green Street from Amity Lane to Fourth Street..... 2425.00
A L Stewart Award opening Wooster Street from Amity Lane to Fourth Street 1065.
Owners Unknown do do do 375.
Gerard W Livingston do do do 175.
Mary Marx do do do 175.
Owners Unknown do do do 37.
Thos R Ludlum Surveys &c: 1 Qur 1 Inst..... 284.64
Ed Doughty do 6 Months " 216.91
E W Bridges do 1 Qur " 176.49
D Ewen do 1 Qur " 174.03
Isaac T Ludlum do 1 Qur " 168.37
Geo: B Smith do 1 Qur " 30.25
M De Camp Corporation part Paving South Street from James to Catherine Slip..... 269.14
J Gallagher Senr 1st payment Well in Attorney near Grand Street 88.52
[306] R *Pittinger* [Pettigrew] 1st payment Well in Eldridge Street near Stanton Street..... 78.37
J Gallagher Junr bal on Well in Green near Bleecker Street 51.00
R Graves Street Commissioner for Repairs of Roads..... 1000.00

Geo: T Trimble Treasurer Free School society Annual Payment	1500.00	
Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs for Docks & Slips	2319.00	
A Burtis superintendant Alms House for working convicts	1000.00	
A Burtis Supert for Alms House	3300.00	22.601.94
Balance	Dollars	22.46

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[308] Special Meeting, In Common Council October 21st 1825

Present The Honble William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
William H Ireland	Samuel St John
Samuel Cowdrey	Philip Hone
John Webb	John Agnew
Mathew Reed	William Burtsell
Asa Mann	Josiah Hedden
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
Gideon Ostrander	Danel E Dunscomb
	William P Rathbone

The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with

His Honor the Mayor stated to the Board that having been informed that John Quincy Adams President of the United States had arrived in the City he had called this meeting for the purpose of affording them an opportunity of paying to him such attentions as they should deem advisable

Whereupon it was Resolved that this Board will in a Body wait up[on] the President and that the Mayor be requested to express to him the pleasure it affords the Board to receive him [309] in our City—and to offer to him the Portrait Room in the Hall for the reception of the visits of the citizens who may call upon him—And it was also Resolved that a Committe of three be appointed with full powers to tender to the President such marks of attention as they shall judge proper The Mayor appointed on that Committe Mr Recorder Alderman Wyckoff Ireland

Board adjourned

[310] In Common Council October 24th 1825

Present The Honble William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
William H Ireland	Samel St John
Samuel Cowdrey	Philip Hone
John Webb	John Agnew
Asa Man	William Burtsell
Jacob B Taylor	Josiah Hedden
Gideon Ostrander	Jameson Cox
	Danel E Dunscomb
	Effingham Schieffelin
	William P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last and special meetings were read and Approved

A Petition of E Parmely to be releived from an Assessment for a Personal Tax was read and referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition of James Smith as agent of Andrew Smith praying for the reasons therein set forth that the Collector for an Assessment on said Andrew Smith for opening the Sixth Avenue may be suspended Six Months. The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committe

[311] A Petition of Ebenezer Nickerson praying further time to pay an Assessment on him for opening Houston Street—was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Thomas Tooker and Nicholas Low for permission to regulate and pave McDougall Street and Hancock Street from Houston to Bleecker Streets—was read and referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of William B Townsend that the Lot corner of Nassau and Wall Street may be leased to him—was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Joseph Strong to purchase said Lot was referred to same Committe

A Petition of Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catherine Slip Ferry stating that the slip at Brooklyn requires to be cleaned out and praying the Mud Machine may be employed for that purpose was read and referred to the Committe on Whaves Piers and Slips

A Petition of Elijah Crane for permission to remove a Frame House from Allen to Orchard Street was presented and read—After some discussion it was withdrawn—Alderman Taylor then moved that the Resolution prohibiting the removal of Houses be rescinded—The

question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative—Alderman Ostrander then moved that Elijah Crane have permission to remove his house which was [312] negatived—Alderman Cowdrey then moved that Leave be granted to him on Condition of his obtaining the Consent of his Neighbours—this was also Negatived

A Petition of Woolsey Teller for permission to remove a school house from Houston to North Street was presented And Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition from James Seaman for compensation for Inspecting some Manure brought from the Battery—was referred to the Committe on Lands and Places

A Petition that the Side Walks on the North side of Division Street from Arundle to Attorney Street may be laid with flagging was read and referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Henry Eckford was received stating that he is owner of the one half of three Lots of Ground fronting on Mangin and Tompkins Street and agreeably to the wishes of the Board and upon the understanding that the other owners of the Lots would be ordered to unite with him, he has commenced the Bulk Head on a line with Rivington Street—He therefore prays that an ordinance may immediately be passed to make Tompkins and Mangin Street between Rivington and Delancy Street, and that Delancy Street on the Easterly side may be made to East Street which was referred to the Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips

[313] A Petition for filling in Tompkins Street which had been presented on the 12th September last and referred to the Street Committe was called up the Street Committe were discharged therefrom. And the same was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition from A H Lawrence to have an Assessment for opening Houston Street corrected presented on the 18th July and referred to the Street Committe was now called up—The Street Committe discharged therefrom and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Peter W Livingston Executor of Joanna Beekman Deceased praying that the sum of Three hundred and Seventy five dollars awarded for opening Green Street to persons unknown may be paid to him as the Lots was the property of the testatrix—Which being read was referred to the Committe of Finance

A Petition of Erastus Farnum, William Pitts and Elijah Boardman was received, stating that they have constructed Salt Water Baths in the City of Boston and are desirous of establishing the same in the

City of New York and they therefore request permission for that purpose at such places as the Corporation may direct—The same being read was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Rutgers and Bancker Street was [314] read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition that Henry Street may be widened from Oliver Street to Rutger Street was read and referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Ab^{m} King Collector of the third Ward and William Berrian Collector of the Fifth Ward praying that a further per Centage may be allowed to them on the Collections of their several Wards was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition from Fire Engine Company N^{o} 40. Stating that they have expelled Thomas M^{c}Intyre from said Company and praying the Corporation to sanction said expulsion Was read and referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

A Letter from Noah Waterbury and others respecting a former communication—relative to Williamsburgh Ferry Was read and referred to the Ferry Committe

A Petition of the American Academy of Fine Arts for an extension of the Lease which they hold from the Corporation was referred to the Finance Committe

A Memorial of the Heirs of James Carpenter Deceased and Ellenn his wife respecting a Lot of Ground in the Sixth Ward held jointly [315] with the Corporation, proposing that the Corporation pay to the Memorialists their due proportion and thereby save the expence of a Writ of Partition which having been read was referred to the Finance Committe

An application from Edmund M Blunt Author of the American Coast Pilot soliciting the patronage of the Corporation to two Charts embracing the North and South Atlantic Oceans was referred to the Finance Committe

A Representation from the Judges of the Court of Oyer and Terminer was presented Stating, that it has frequently occurred on Trials for Capital Offences, where the Jury are not permitted to seperate, that from the number of Witnesses examined and other causes the trials have been continued, so as that the Jury have been kept together during several nights and that no accommodations of beds having been provided, they have been put to very great inconvenience and requesting a remedy therefor—Whereupon the same being read was referred to the Police Committe

An Invitation from Reubens Peale to visit the Parthe[n]on at the opening on the 26th Inst was received and accepted

The following Resignations of persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Election were received and accepted—And the following persons were appointed in their places Viz.

[316] Third Ward

Thomas Hertell and Benjm Bailey Resigned and Benjamin Stevens & John M Spies were appointed

Eighth Ward

Stewart F Randolph Resigned and Cornelius Harsin appointed

Seventh Ward

Daniel Dusenberry & Job Furman resigned and Thompson Price & David Lyon were appointed

Ninth Ward

David S Jones resigned and Andrew S Norwood appointed

The Committe on the Fire Department on the Petition for a Hook & Ladder Company on Manhattan Island reported in favor as follows

The petition of sundry Inhabitants residing in the neighbourhood of Manhattan Island praying the Board to grant them a Hook and Ladder having been referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

Report that they have duly considered the subject and from the increased population, the numerous improvements making in that part of the City, the great distance they are situated from a Hook and Ladder Company, Your Committe are of the opinion the prayer of the Petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted, they therefore beg Leave to submit to the Consideration of the board, the following Resolutions

[317] Resolved that a number of Firemen not exceeding 16 be appointed to form a Hook & Lader Company to be stationed in the vicinity of Manhattan Island

Resolved that the Committe on the Fire Department be charged with the procurement of suitable Hooks and Ladders for said Company and that they fix on a Location for the same—And further that they be empowered to procure a suitable situation by purchase or otherwise for placing a Hook and Ladder and that they cause the necessary building to be erected thereon

Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Signed John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committe to whom was presented an application of Hugh Hanigan to transfer Stall No 8 Grand Street Market to Enoch Lawrence reported in favor as follows

The Market Committe to whom was presented the annexed petition of Hugh Hanigan for permission to transfer to Enoch Lawrence his stand in Grand Street Market beg leave respectfully to report— That in the opinion of your Committe Mr Lawrence is a suitable person to receive a Butchers Licence and they have no objection to the Transfer being made, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that a butchers Licence be granted to Enoch Lawrence for the Stand No. 8 Grand Street Market

Philip Hone
Signed Wm H Ireland
Thoe Bolton
New York October 24th 1825 D E Dunscomb

[318] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committe on the Petition of David Reynolds for Stall No 48 Fulton Market reported in favor as follows

The Market Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition of David Reynolds for a Licence for the stand No 48 Fulton Market beg leave respectfully to Report

That in the opinion of your Committe Mr Reynolds is a proper person to receive a Butchers Licence and they accordingly offer the following resolution

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to David Reynolds for the stand No 48 Fulton Market

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
Thoe Bolton
New York, Octor 24th 1825 D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committe on the Petition of the Butchers of Catherine Market to have the Market lowered reported against the same as follows

The Market Committe to whom was referred the annexed Petition of sundry Butchers standing in the Upper Market Catherine Slip praying that said Market may be lowered—beg leave respectfully to report

That the Market House between Cherry and Water Streets is in good repair and that the alteration which the Petitioners apply [319] for would be attended with considerable expence

Your Committe are fully disposed under the powers granted to them by the Board to devote their time and attention to the improvements of all the Markets, and to appropriate a reasonable proportion of the Public funds to that important Object, whenever in their opinion the convenience of the public or the accomodations of the Butchers requires it. but they do not consider themselves called upon by either of those considerations to incur the expence of the proposed alteration—And therefore beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
Signed Thos Bolton
New York October 24th 1825. D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Repairs to whom was referred the Resolution respecting encreasing the compensation to the Superintendant of Repairs reported in favour as follows

Committe on Repairs to whom was referred a Resolution to enquire into the Propriety of Increasing the Compensation of the Superintendant of Repairs—having had the subject under Consideration and are of opinion that in Consequence of the Great Increase of Improvements made in this City that the Duties of that Office are greatly increased—Together with the Increase of Responsibility your Committe are therefore [320] of opinion that the Compensation of the Superintendant of Repairs ought to be Increased therefore offer for adoption the following Resolution

Resolved that an increase of Two hundred dollars be added to the present Compensation of the superintendant of Repairs to commence on the first day of August last

Gideon Ostrander
Jameson Cox
Signed John Webb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and Pump in Henry Street near Gouverneur Street reported in favor as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well and Pump in Henry Street near Governeur Street—Report that in their opinion a Well is much required at that place and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Asa Mann
Jameson Cox
Signed R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Barrow Agent of Trinity Church in relation to Taxes paid by them through mistake reported in favor as follows

[321] The Committe on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Barrow in behalf of the Corporation of Trinity Church in relation to taxes having been paid by that body through mistake, and also in relation to erroneous assessments made upon Lots which do not belong to them Respectfully report

That the Committe have examined into the Circumstances of this application to the Common Council, it appears that the assessors of the eighth Ward have assessed two lots upon the blocks between Greenwich and Hudson Streets as being the property of Trinity Church for the years 1818, 1819, 1820 the taxes for which have been paid by that Corporation The Assessors of said Ward have continued to assess said Lots to Trinity Church up to 1824 but after having paid the Taxes up to 1820 it was ascertained by them that they did not possess such Lots and have since that time declined paying the Taxes in consequence of which these lots have been advertised and sold for arrears of taxes due from the Corporation of Trinity Church. Your Committe are satisfied that the Corporation of Trinity Church do not own or possess the lots above mentioned. And as an error has accrued in the sale of them—it is expedient for the Common Council to refund the money paid by the Purchaser with Legal interest up to the time of Redemption which will have expired on the fifth day of November next and therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that a warrent issue to the [Street] Commissioner

for the sum of forty nine dollars $^{84}/_{100}$ which sum he is hereby required to [322] pay over to Abraham Labagh the said purchaser on or before the fifth day of November next

Respectfully submitted by

Josiah Hedden
S Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Signed D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Assessments on the Petition of Robert Gourlay for correction of Error in a Tax assessed on him reported in his favor as follows

The Committe on Assessments to whom was referred the within Petition of Robert Gourlay praying to be relieved from an over Assessment respectfully report that the petitioner was Assessed upon a personal estate of Ten Thousand dollars—which it appears by his affidavit that he ought not to have been assessed to that amount—The Assessors of the 8th Ward having admitted the error in the assessment —your Committe offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Collector of the 8th Ward be required to Collect of Robert Gourlay for his tax the sum of fifteen dollars and twenty cents as corrected by the Assessors

Respectfully submitted

Josiah Hedden
S Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Signed D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[323] The Finance Committe on the petition of James Teller for renewal of his Lease reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committe to whom the annexed petition of James Teller praying for a renewal of the Lease of the old watch house at the Junction of Division Street, Chatham Street and the Bowery —Respectfully Report

That as a considerable time will elapse before the expiration of the present lease—The Committe do not think it expedient to take any order respecting the said Petition at present They therefore present the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition

Respectfully submitted

Asa Mann
S Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committe to whom had been referred back their report on the subject of Rosevelt Street sewer presented a report which was read and laid for consideration—And it was Resolved that it be the order of the day at the next meeting of the Board

The Street Committe on the Petition for paving North Street from the Bowery to Orchard Street and First Avenue from North to First Street reported in favor as follows

[324] The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition for paving the side walks in North Street from the Bowery to Orchard Street and of the first Avenue between North & First street Report that in their opinion their request ought to be granted accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Saml St John
Gideon Ostrander
Signed Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition for paving the foot walks of Marketfield Street &c reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the resolution for flagging the side walks of Marketfield Street between Greenwich Street and the Bulk head, and also for paving the Area, and laying the side Walk at the southerly end of the Battery—Report that in their opinion the work is necessary and ought to be done and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the flagging of the side Walk in Marketfield Street between Greenwich Street and the Bulk head and the paving of the

Area and flagging the side Walk at the [325] southerly end of the Battery be carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Sam[l] S[t] John
Gideon Ostrander
Signed Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition to suspend the permanent Regulation in Water Street between Market Street and Pike Street reported against the same which was read and laid on the table for consideration

The Street Committe on the petition to pave the side walks in Prince Street between M[c]Dougal Street and Broadway reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition for paving the side walks in Prince Street between Broad Way and M[c]Dougall Streets report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Sam[l] S[t] John
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[326] The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancy

Fire Engine Company

N[o] 5

Alexander W Smith Hatter N[o] 108 Cherry Street
Vc William Burger Resigned

George H Geyer Accountant 248 Pearl Street
Vc Richard M Demill Resigned

N[o] 6

Alexander S Miller Chair Maker No 1 York Street
Vc John Colby Resigned

John Gallager Carpenter N[o] 7 Rep[n] Alley
Vc Ge[o] F Lawrence Resigned

N° 9

Nicholas Roome Clerk N° 14 Barclay Street
Vc John Hooghkerck Resigned

N° 12

Frederick Riley Musical Instrument Maker 29 Chatham St[t]
Vc James Hopson Time expired

William F Watson Currier Ferry Street
Vc William F Hopson Resigned

William Samo Lock Smith 126 Duane St[t]
Vc Andrew Kevan Resigned

N° 13

William M Hicks Clerk 213 Pearl Street
Vc Frederick McKenzie Resigned

N° 23

Robert Lent Carpenter Spring Cor Sullivan
Vc James Van Beuren Resigned

N° 26

Andrew Bell Cooper Arundle Corner Delancy St[t]
Vc Edward Dayton Elected Warden

[327] N° 29

Samuel More Grocer C King & McDougal Streets
Vc William Carpenter Resigned

Nathaniel *Coalman* [Coleman] Machinist Perry near Greenwich St[t]
Vc Alexander Ritchey Expell'd

Joseph Stephens Machinist Charles near Herring Street
Vc John Row Resigned

N° 30

Thomas S Day Ship Carpenter N° 4 Norfolk St[t]
Vc Aaron Vanderbilt Resigned

N° 31

Peter J Roome Carpenter Sullivan Street
Vc R *Swarthouse* [Swartwout] Resigned

N° 33

William J Pell Blacksmith 591 Water Street
Vc Joshua Morse Resigned

John J Inglee Ship Carpenter Cherry near Walnut St[t]
Vc John Allen Resigned

N° 34

William Morris Mason Bedford Street
Vc Peter P Wendover Resigned

Francis Feitner Mason Spring Street
Vc Peter Be[a]umont Resigned

Abram Buskirk Watts Street Vc Stephen Merritt Resigned

N° 37

Mathew Marsh Butcher 278 Bowery
Vc Jonothan C Chadeayne Resigned

Peter W Sandford Carpenter 203 Mott Street
Vc Henry Wiley Resigned

Moses T Sandford Carpenter 203 Mott Street
Vc Launcelot Armstrong Resigned

[328] N° 40

Gabriel Corwin Cartman 231 Mulberry Street
Vc William White Resigned

N° 41

Watson Bowron Grocer Grand & Norfolk Sts
Vc John Bailey Time Expired

Hook and Ladder Company

N° 1

Benjamin Hempsted Merchant Oliver Street
Vc John Davison Resigned

N° 4

John Brower Shoe Maker 218 Broome St
Vc Thomas Griffing Time expired

Henry Sickles Shoemaker 191 Delancy Street
Vc Henry Frost Time expired

William Anderson Carpenter 4 Allen Street
Vc George Hauptman Time expired

James Hall Shoe Maker 294 Broome St
Vc David Loper Time expired

Fire Wardens

1st Ward

John Pentz Accountant 45 Water Street
Vc Chas Rollinson Time expired

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed

For regulating and repaving Chatham Street from Tyron Row to Pearl Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in Eldridge Street near Stanton Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

[329] The Street Commissioner also presented the following Ordinances which were passed Viz

For paving Christopher Street from Asylum to Hudson Street and James Bleecker Benj^{m} Prince and John Brower were appointed Assessors

For paving the side walks at the corner of Greenwich and North Moore Street. And Cary Dunn Isaac Kip and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well and Pump in Henry Street between Montgomery and Gouverneur Street and Ab^{m} Dally Benjamin Prince and John Targee were appointed Assessors

Also for paving Cornelia Street. And Isaac Kip Cary Dunn and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for filling and regulating Minetto Street and Cary Dunn Isaac Kip and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz^{t}

N^{o} 1	Dan^{el} Winship	Owner	Chrystie Street	A Lot
2	George S Banks	Do	Do	Do
3	William Dusenbury	Do	Do	Do
4	John Graff	Do	Do	Do
5	Trinity Church	Do	Burrows Street	Do
6	Del S Hyde	Do	Do	Do
7	Do	Do	Do	Do
8	John Wade	Lessee	Spruce Street	Do

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[330] The Counsel presented a Report stating that the Supreme Court had confirmed the reports of the Commissioners of Estimate &c in the cases of Mercer and Wooster Streets. Which was referred to the Street Committe

The Committe on Lands and Places presented a Report for laying out the grounds in the rear of the City Hall into walks and Spaces and for planting Trees into the same Which was referred back to them with powers to act

The Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church referred on the 1st August last to the Finance Committe was now referred to the Committe on Lands and Places

M^{r} Agnew presented a Resolution for protecting Firemen when on duty from the surrounding populace—Which was referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

Mr Cox presented a Resolution that a Block be sunk at the West side of Market Slip—opposite the Public Pier—Which was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips

Mr Cox presented a Resolution for constructing Two Public Cisterns at Zions Church One at the Watch House in Eldridge Street—One at the African Free School in Mulberry Street and one at the Gas Works corner of Hester and Rhinder Streets and that the Street Commissioner advertise for objections thereto—Which was laid on the Table [331] and the Street Commissioner was directed to advertise accordingly

Alderman Wyckoff presented a Resolution that the Committe on Lands and Places be instructed to cause the Bowling Green to be manured and laid down in Grass—Which was adopted

He also presented a Resolution directing the Market Committe to procure a Bell for Franklin Market. The one formerly provided being broken—Which was referred to the Committe with Powers

A Resolution was presented directing a Block and Bridge to be sunk at the end of the Peir North side of Steam Boat Ferry Slip Foot of Courtland Street—Which was referred to the Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips

A Communication was received from the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the Case of opening a New Street in the Seventh Ward between Walnut and Scammel Street advising that the proceedings in said case be discontinued—Were read and after some discussion referred to the Street Committe

Mr Dunscomb presented a Resolution for the Market Committe to Report wether it is expedient to erect Chimnies for the Cellars under Washington Market which was referred to the Market Committee

A further Petition of Gideon Tucker and William Westerfield was presented and was together [332] with the report which was laid on the Table on the 10th Instt now was called up [and] were referred to the Committe on the Fever Hospital

The Report of the Committe on Laws on Common Schools which was made the order of the day was called up and read and after some discussion was agreed to The Report was as follows as agreed to

The Committe on Laws, to whom was referred the Report of a Committe of the Trustees of the Free School Society, on the distribution of the Common School fund, proposing a Change in the constitution of that Society, so as to admit Children of all Classes to their schools, for a compensation not exceeding One Dollar per quarter,

with power to remit the charge in proper cases; and to whom was also referred, a communication from Aaron Ely, proposing the establishment of Public Schools in this City

Report

That the distribution of the Common School Fund in this City, is at present confined to those only, who are the subjects of a gratuitous education. The necessary operation of this limitation, is, the rejection from the Free Schools, and other institutions participating in this fund, of the children of those who can pay for schooling; and the admission of such only, as are unable to pay. The consequences are, that the children of poverty and want, are left to form a community by themselves, and that the classes above them in point of circumstances but whose parents or guardians are not of sufficient ability, amply to provide for them, are omitted as [333] objects of the public care and bounty, in the invaluable object of Literary and elementary instruction

To obviate these privations so injurious in their nature and effects, by breaking down the distinctions that now divide these portions of the rising generation, and to promote their mutual benefit, by instructing them together, as children of the free citizens of an enlightened and growing republic, in the great and fundamental principles of knowledge and virtue, and thus fitting them for a course of future usefulness, is a task worthy the solicitude and exertions of our benevolent and public spirited citizens.

The following are suggested as the outlines of a general plan, for effecting this important object Viz

I. The title of the Free School Society, to be changed to that of "The New York Public School Society," and its charter to be so amended, that children of all classes may be admitted to the schools, and required to pay for their instruction, according to the branches they may learn, but not exceeding One Dollar per quarter, in advance. The Trustees to have power to remit the charge, in such cases as they may deem proper.

II. Fifty trustees to be elected by the society at their annual meeting; and the trustees so elected, to have power to add to their number, provided the whole number of trustees shall not exceed one hundred.

III. The Mayor and Recorder of the City, to be ex-officio members of the board of Trustees.

IV. [334] One fourth of the whole number of trustees being present at any meeting of the board, to form a quoram.

V. Any person paying Ten Dollars to the treasury, for the benefit of the schools, to become, by virtue thereof, a member for Life

VI. The real estate of the Free School Society, and of the African Schools, to be conveyed, subject to the existing incumbrances by the said societies, to this corporation, and a lease thereof to be granted by them to the Public School Society, in perpetuity, or so long as they shall exist, for the sole purpose of promoting common school education in this City.

VII. The whole amount of the School Fund to be distributed to the said Public School Society, and such auxiliary institutions, as shall be sanctioned by the Common Council

The advantages which may be expected from the proposed alterations, in addition to those first suggested, are

I. Experienced and well qualified teachers, who shall be duly compensated for the employment of their time and talents.

II. Convenient, spacious, and well accommodated School Houses, combining the advantages of cleanliness, light, and air.

III. Uniformity in the systems and modes, and in the books and subjects of instruction.

IV. In respect to the small payments which alone are to be allowed, and which are never to be required in cases of inability, or inconvenience to make them, the expected advantages are; first, a great increase of [335] the amount to be received and expended for public instruction. Second, The inculcation of the valuable principle, that every person is bound to render some return for services performed for himself or his family. Third, An increased interest on the part of the parents in the education of their children, and their due preparation for, and punctual attendance at school, connected with the encouragement of a laudable share of pride, emulation, and independance of Character, in both parents and Children. And Fourth, From the consideration of the renewed obligation under which children will be placed to their parents, that they will be more practically instructed in the great commandment, which says, "Honour thy Father and thy Mother."

V. A new impulse will be excited, and a more general attention be produced among our citizens at large, in favour of the all important subject of elementary education.

VI. Harmony will be produced among religious sects, and at least all causes of disagreement will be removed, as all will be interested, where all alike contribute to the great and common object.

In proof of the practibility of the plan now suggested, your committe have ascertained, that in Great Brittain, a similar method has been attended with success, as will be seen in the Eighteenth Report of the British and Foreign School Society. And your Committe have been furnished with a Letter from Mr Charles R Webster, dated Albany 25th of April 1825, to Mr Isaac Collins of our city, from which they have his permission to make the following extracts

[336] "I have examined the Minute Book of the Albany Lancaster School, in relation to the admission of Pay Scholars. We have but a single By Law on the subject, which requires, that all children on admittance into the school, shall pay in advance from Twenty five Cents, to One Dollar and Twenty five Cents per quarter according to the ability of their parents or Guardians, always excepting the children of such poor persons as are unable to pay, and those of this class, have in all cases a preference, and are never refused on any account whatever."

"We have never met with any difficulty in the school, in respect to the scholars paying, or not paying; each child has equal rights and privileges; and though the government of the School requires order and submission, it is otherwise a perfect democracy Each child rises or falls from his own merit or demerit, and no regard is ever paid to the standing of the parent or guardian. We have never found any difficulty on this subject."

Your committe with the utmost brevity remark in addition, That the Common School Fund is appropriated in the other counties of the State, with the greatest advantage, to the Support of Common or Public Schools; and the prosperity and unrivalled eminence of some of the Eastern states, in their Elementary and Public Schools, and in the consequent dissemination of useful knowledge among all classes of their citizens, are matters of notoriety and sources of gratification to themselves and their fellow citizens.

[337] And while in other states, and in other parts of our own state, the advantages of literary and scientific instruction, are scattered as far, and as widely as possible—and the policy appears to be adopted, that education should be as diffusive as civil liberty; that it should be made to expand with the increase of population, as the surest guarantee of political happiness; and that with the effort to extend the right of sufferage, and render it universal the influence of an education as salutary and as universal should accompany this right as its correlative and best regulating power, your committe will respectfully suggest, that the establishment of a simular policy as

applicable to our City, is deserving the efforts of this Board, of our liberal institutions and indeed of every citizen.

The Committe therefore recommend to the Board, the following Resolutions

I. Resolved that this board approve of the establishment of Public Schools in this City, on the principles above suggested, instead of Free Schools

II Resolved, that this board recommend, that a memorial be submitted to the next Legislature, by the said Free School Society, (as they propose) for effecting the above object, and for securing the lands and buildings, now belonging to the Free School Society and the African Schools in this city, as Public or Common Schools, and also for securing the proportion of the Common School Fund, to which this City is or shall be entitled to the [338] general purposes of education and for the support of Public or Common Schools, subject to any future alterations which the Legislature may deem proper. Provided that the details be first considered by the Committe of the Board The Commissioners of the School Fund and the Trustees of the Free School Society, and that they report such Details for the Consideration of this Board

Respectfully submitted

S Cowdrey
Thos Bolton
Signed E W King

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as pr Act 10th Inst	22.46
Recd for Streets	6291.95
Tax of 1825—3d & 8th Wards	1700.
Rents	1087.21
Wells and Pumps	962.18
Fines &c of Sheriff	95.06
Fines &c of Attorney	56.66
Loan of Mechanics Bank Authorised 6th Inst	27.500.00
	37.715.52

36 Accounts audited and ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt Watch 1st Dist	971.25
Hibbard & Clark Do 2d	775.25
Bleakley & Stagg Do 3d	750.75
George B Smith Asst Street Commissioner 1 Qurs Salary to 15th Inst	337.50
Abm Legget for Mud Scow 12 days to the 23d Inst	133.70
[339] John Rowlett 24 Tanners Atlas &c balance	603.00

Whiting & Tiffany Stoves &c for Sessions Room	111.00	
Haydock & Jenkins 29 Casks Oil	1433.52	
John Dunn & Sons repairing lamps from 1st July to 7th October	252.56	
J Pinkerton Actt regulating & paving 4th Street from Broadway to 6th Avenue	1200.00	
J Pinkerton Actt Cross Walks 1st Ward	600.00	
H Smith Act reg: & pav: South Street from James to Catherine Slip	500.00	
H Smith Bal cross walks 3d Ward	140.22	
Owen McCabe bal reg & pav Forsyth Stt from Stanton to North Street	119.44	
S Fargay flagging side Walks and paving Streets at Public Yard	1369.72	
N Jarvis Corporation part reg & pav West Street from Murray to Duane	849.64	
J C Tucker repairs Minetto sewer & Sewer in Thompson Street	81.58	
J McComb repairing Intersection 2d Ward	76.17	
M De Camp Corporation Assessment for Cross Walks 4th Ward	0.70	
G Charlton 1st Payment Well in Attorney near Broome Street	103.28	
J Gallagher Senr balance Well in Pitt Street near Broome Street	67.50	
J Gallagher Junr 1st payment Well Sheriff near Delancy Street	42.00	
J Gallagher Junr balance Well Cornelia near Herring Street	36.75	
G Charlton balance Well in Hudson near Hamersly Street.	35.37	
[340] R Pettigrew balance Well in LeRoy near Hudson Street	33.60	
R Pettigrew balance Well in King near Varick Street	32.87	
P Riley balance Well in Water Street between Walnut & Corlears Street	32.06	
J Gallagher Jur balance Well in Varick near Hammersly Street	29.75	
J Gallagher Jur balance Well in Warren near Greenwich Street	29.25	
Jacob P Roome Supert Repairs for Repairs	600.00	
Do Do Do Markets	500.00	
Do Do Do Fire Department	500.00	
Do Do Do Pump Department	222.00	
A Burtis Supert Alms House for Fever Hospital	1550.00	
Do Do Alms House	5000.00	
J Fleming Treasurer to pay Interest on City Stock 1 Qur 1st November	18500.00	37.620.43
	Balance	$95.09

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[342] Special Meeting In Common Council October 31st 1825

Present. The Hon William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
William H Ireland	John Agnew
Samuel Cowdrey	Josiah Hedden
John Webb	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Daniel E Dunscomb
Gideon Ostrander	Effingham Schieffelin

The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with

The President stated that this meeting was called in consequence of the Resignation of some of the Inspectors of the ensuing Election

The Resignation of John Y Cebra of the First Ward was presented and accepted—And William W Boyd was appointed in his place

The Resignation of Benjamin Stevens of the Third Ward was presented and accepted—And William Mandeville was appointed in his place.

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of the Chairman of the Committee for the Canal Celebration for Two thousand five hundred Dollars

[343] Resolved that the Committe on Repairs cause Blinds to be placed at the windows of the Offices of the Recorder and First Judge of the City

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be requested to cause all rubbish filth and obstructions of every kind to be removed from the Streets through which the procession is to pass

[344] Special Meeting In Common Council November 7th 1825

Present. The Hon: William Paulding Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
William H Ireland	Philip Hone
John Webb	Josiah Hedden
Mathew Reed	Effingham Schieffelin
Asa Mann	
William A Davis	
Gideon Ostrander	

The reading of the Minutes of the last Meeting were dispensed with

A letter from Shivers Parker requesting leave to resign his Appointment as Inspector of the ensuing Election for the Sixth Ward was read and

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request

The Resignation of Effingham Schieffelin Esq^{r} of the Office of Assistant Justice for the Ninth Ward was called up and it was

Resolved that the same be accepted

A Resolution to appoint James Flannagan Assistant Justice for the Ninth Ward was presented by M^{r} Schieffelin and after some discussion was withdrawn

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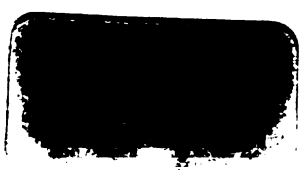

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